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Lebanese team given green light for talks

By DAVID BERNSTEIN and JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The Lebanese Cabinet yesterday approved its six-man military delegation to the talks with Israel, due to open at Unifil headquarters in Nakoura this morning.

The approval of the team, headed by Brigadier Mohammed al-Hajji, the military commander of the Beirut area, was delayed for several days by the failure of Prime Minister Rashid Karamah to convene his entire cabinet.

One key minister, Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, was apparently not present at yesterday's cabinet meeting, but he indicated in advance his qualified approval of the Nakoura talks.

The Lebanese team includes six brigadiers, each representing the major religious-political groupings in Lebanon. It met last night with Lebanese Army commander General Michael Aoun to receive final instructions.

Observers expect the talks to be protracted and difficult, with Israel meeting strong resistance to its demands that General Antoine Lahad's South Lebanon Army (SLA) play a major role in policing southern Lebanon after the IDF withdraws.

It is likely that the Lebanese may seek to prolong the talks, to give themselves time to prepare the way for deploying the Lebanese Army in the south.

The Associated Press bureau in Beirut received a call from a man claiming to represent Jihad Islami. The caller said the radical group, which had claimed responsibility for several major terrorist bombings in Lebanon over the past two years, was displeased with plans for Lebanese-Israeli negotiations and would attack any participants in the talks.

The talks are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., with the opening session (Continued on page 9)



Ronald Reagan gives the thumbs up sign during Republican victory celebrations at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles in the early hours of yesterday morning. (UPI, telephoto)

Reagan in record win; doesn't take Congress

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Ronald Reagan yesterday celebrated a 49-state landslide over Walter Mondale, saying: "You ain't seen nothing yet."

On ABC Television's *Good Morning America*, White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III, commenting on the modest Democratic gains in the House, said they were going to make it "very difficult to push some of the things that the president is going to want to push in the Congress."

Reagan won 49 states with 525 electoral votes. Mondale won the District of Columbia with three electoral votes and his home state of Minnesota with 10.

With 426 of the 435 House contests decided, Democrats had won 249 seats, 31 more than needed to control the chamber, and were leading in four undecided races. Republicans had won 177 seats and were leading in five. By those numbers, the net gain for Reagan's party would be 14 seats. The Democrats entered the election with a house majority of 267 to 168.

But in the Senate, the Democrats won two seats, reducing the Republican's former margin of 55:45 to 53:47.

Reagan's electoral vote total was the highest in history, surpassing Franklin Roosevelt's 1936 total of 523 electoral votes. (At that time, there were only 48 states in the Union, and Roosevelt's main opponent, Alford Landon, got eight electoral votes.)

In the popular vote, with 98 per cent of the nation's precincts reporting, Reagan had 52,977,280 for 59 per cent — Mondale had 36,324,235 for 41 per cent.

Voter surveys by the television networks showed Reagan had swept every major voting bloc except blacks, Jews and trade-union members. He won among all age groups from youngest to oldest and all income groups except the very poorest.

Voters were far more impressed by his leadership image and record of reducing inflation and creating economic recovery than by Mondale's charges that his social policies were unfair to the poor and his foreign policies dangerous to world peace.

Reagan won majorities among women as well as men, despite the presence of New York Congresswoman Geraldine Ferraro, the first woman vice-presidential candidate in U.S. major party history, on the Democratic ticket.

The outcome made Reagan and Vice-President George Bush the first two-term White House occupants since Richard Nixon and Spiro (Continued on page 4)

For a deal with Syria, names may not matter

Israel might not insist that the South Lebanese Army (SLA) retain its separatist-sounding title, and might consider a Beirut-appointed deputy to its commanding General Antoine Lahad, if such formal moves could make the continued existence of the SLA more acceptable to Lebanon and Syria.

On the eve of the Israel-Lebanon military talks in Nakoura, top policymakers here stress that what matters to them is the substance of the security situation following the Israel Defence Forces' withdrawal, and not the formalities surrounding it.

There have been some, as yet faint, indications from Damascus that the Syrians, too, might tacitly accept the SLA's continued presence in the South Lebanon border zone if its status as a part of the sovereign Lebanese Army were somehow accentuated.

Syrian leaders have also hinted recently to foreign visitors that they would restrain PLO terrorists from infiltrating southwards after the IDF troops in South Lebanon are replaced by Unfil and Lebanese units.

UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar himself, in contacts with the Syrians, has referred to a withdrawal and security package in which "armed groups" would not cross the lines now held by the IDF.

For all these favourable signs, the top policymakers are giving the talks (Continued on page 9)

BEHIND THE NEWS

By David Landau

Soldier shot dead in Sidon ambush

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Israeli soldier, 18-year-old Yosef Haliba, was killed yesterday afternoon and four others were wounded when three terrorists ambushed an Israel Defence Forces convoy in the centre of Sidon.

Haliba, of Holon, was shot in the head and died on the spot. The four wounded soldiers were treated on the spot and transferred to hospital in Israel. One was reported in moderate condition. The others sustained light injuries.

The dead man will be laid to rest in the Holon military cemetery at 2:30 p.m. today.

The convoy, which included a Safari truck and a jeep, was ambushed at about 12:30 p.m. from a stationary car. Israeli soldiers and a Border Police unit on the spot returned fire. Kalashnikov rifles and RPG bombs were found at the site.

IDF and South Lebanon Army (SLA) units are investigating whether the terrorist unit was made up of local residents or of infiltrators who had organized beyond the area under IDF control and crossed into South Lebanon.

TA city workers call strike

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN and DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporters

Tel Aviv municipal workers are going on strike today because City Hall cannot pay their salaries, due today.

Municipal hospitals will operate on emergency-duty staff and the outpatient clinics will be closed. Garbage will not be collected and residents are asked not to put garbage out on the streets.

Mayor Shlomo Lahat yesterday asked the banks to lend the city money for the workers' wages but only Bank Leumi agreed. As a result only workers who have accounts in Bank Leumi — about half of the municipal staff — will receive their salary.

High school teachers have threatened to quit school at 10 this morning if their salaries are not in their accounts by that hour.

Haifa kindergartens and high schools are likely to close today because of the continuing strike by the 4,600 municipal employees. The *Jerusalem Post* learned last night.

They began their strike on Tuesday after City Hall failed to pay their October salaries on time.

The municipal spokesman said that rubbish is beginning to pile up in several places throughout the city. Kindergarten youngsters and high school pupils were sent home early again yesterday.

A strike by municipal workers in Nazareth is also taking its toll, with rubbish piling up in the streets and a health threat imminent as residents are eating chickens slaughtered under poor conditions because local slaughterhouses have halted their work.

The strikers, who demonstrated yesterday by the city's fountain square, left their jobs on October 22 because of the city's failure to pay them.

Pro-Israel faction in Senate strengthened

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — The new shape of the U.S. Senate promises to be even more pro-Israel than the last, despite the possibility that conservative Republican Jesse Helms of North Carolina may become chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee.

This was the assessment of pro-Israel lobbyists on Capitol Hill in the aftermath of Tuesday's election, which saw Republican President Ronald Reagan win a 49-state landslide over Democratic challenger Mondale but fail to help carry many additional Republicans over the top in the Senate and House of Representatives.

Republican Charles Percy of Illinois, the veteran chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee who has often irritated Israeli officials, was defeated by Democratic representative Paul Simon, a strong supporter of Israel.

But since the Republicans still managed to control a majority in the Senate — by a bare 53-47 margin, having lost two seats — they will retain the chairmanships of the committees.

Helms, who beat Democratic Governor Jim Hunt in a bitter campaign said during the campaign that he would not give up his Agriculture Committee to become chairman of the foreign relations panel. But there are those who believe he will now change his mind.

If he should not, the other Republicans in a position to become chairman are Richard Lugar of Indiana and Charles Mathias of Maryland, both of whom are considerably more supportive of Israel than Helms.

Republican Senator Bob Dole of Kansas is in a strong position to become majority leader, replacing the retiring Howard Baker of Tennessee.

There are thus still eight Jews in the 100 member Senate, after the two Jewish senators who were up for re-election — Republican Rudy Boschwitz of Minnesota and Democrat Carl Levin of Michigan — both won easily. There are also about 30 Jews in the 435 member house — the same number as before. Almost all the (Continued on page 9)

CGS reveals plan to cut defence budget by \$80m.

Post Knesset Correspondent

Some 2,000 permanent employees of the Israel Defence Forces will be dismissed, training and reserve duty cut, and planes and tanks operated for fewer hours, under a plan being drawn up by the IDF to cut \$80 million from its budget.

This was stated by Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy yesterday at a meeting of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

But he warned that the cuts would become especially painful in the 1985-86 financial year.

After Pessah Grupper (Likud-Liberal) complained that reserve units were sometimes called up and left with nothing to do, and that theft of equipment and arms was a constant phenomenon, Levy said special measures had been taken recently to halt the thefts.

The chief of staff admitted that carelessness and negligence are costing the IDF a lot of money. A journalist had slipped into a base and taken out weapons and artillery shells without being questioned, he noted. He had summoned the base commanders to haul them over the coals on that score.

Levy admitted that the possibility that stolen weapons reach Arab terrorists is a constant threat.

Levy added on a separate issue that he will consider up-grading the rank of the commander of the Womens Corps (Chen) from the present colonel to brigadier-general.

October exports down 11.5% from '83

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

After almost a year of continuous growth, exports fell off sharply last month. Figures released yesterday by the Central Bureau of Statistics showed that exports of goods totalled only some \$408 million in October, down 11.5 per cent from October 1983.

Industrial exports, which until September had led the rise of goods exported this year, were 11.7 per cent down last month from October 1983, totalling some \$275m.

Despite October's drop, goods exports the first 10 months of the year were 11 per cent higher than they were in January to October 1983, totalling some \$4.3b. compared to \$3.9b. for the same 1983 period.

During the first 10 months of this year, industrial exports rose by 14.5 per cent to some \$3b., with \$1.2b. being accounted for by metal and electronic products.

Electric Corp. paralyzes Mekorot pumps

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Electric Corporation yesterday carried out its threat to switch off power to pumping stations supplying drinking water to residents in selected parts of the north and southern regions.

The *Jerusalem Post* learned that water supplies were not disrupted because the reservoirs in the affected areas were full enough to cover immediate needs.

The IEC's action is its reply to the failure of Mekorot, the national water company, to pay debts of IS 3.6 billion it owes for power supplied.

U.S. warns Moscow against sending Nicaragua war jets

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The Reagan Administration has warned Moscow against sending high-performance warplanes to Nicaragua, the state department said yesterday.

The warning was delivered in both Washington and Moscow on Tuesday as a Soviet cargo ship approached Nicaragua's Pacific coast, officials said.

President Reagan, responding to a question at a Los Angeles news conference yesterday after his sweeping election victory, said Washington could not definitely identify what cargo the ship was carrying. But he said high-performance combat aircraft would pose a threat in the region.

In a statement issued in Managua earlier yesterday Nicaragua's ruling left-wing junta categorically denied that any combat planes were being delivered to the country.

Nicaragua said earlier that U.S. news reports that MiG fighter planes might be on their way to the country by sea were part of a Washington plan to intervene militarily there.

The CBS television network said Tuesday night a Soviet freighter was heading for Nicaragua, possibly carrying MiG-21s.

Israel embassy statement

Ethiopia still forbids emigration of Jews

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — A statement from the Israel embassy here insisting that there has been "no change with regard to Ethiopian emigration policy" has dashed optimism about the emigration prospects of Ethiopian Jewry.

Hopes were first aroused last summer following a visit to Ethiopia on behalf of the British government by Foreign Office Minister of State Malcolm Rifkind.

Rifkind, a Jew, raised the plight of Ethiopian Jewry with his hosts and returned with an assurance from two government ministers that there was no longer any problem about emigration.

Last month, David Kessler, chairman of the Falasha Welfare Association in Britain, received a letter from Rifkind confirming what he had been told on his visit to Addis Ababa. "We have now received confirmation from the Ethiopian Foreign Ministry of the assurances I received in July," Rifkind told Kessler.

"This puts the whole matter on a more formal footing and could mean that there will be significant movement of the Ethiopian Jewish population before long," Kessler then commented.

But this week, the Israeli embassy here issued a statement "in the light of reports recently published to the effect that Ethiopia has, in contrast to past policy, now indicated that Ethiopian Jews are free to emigrate."

The embassy stressed that there has been "no change with regard to Ethiopian emigration policy. Ethiopians, including Jews of that country, are not free to leave. On the basis of all the verifiable information, the long-standing restrictive emigration policies, dating back (Continued on page 2, Col. 2)



British minister of state Malcolm Rifkind. (COI, London)

Puzzled shoppers gambling in the price game

By MICHAEL ELAN and ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporters

The controversial price freeze has left shoppers puzzled on whether to start a buying blitz or to save their money.

They don't know whether to gamble now on buying anything and everything or waiting until nearer the end of the three-month freeze in the hope that prices will drop.

"If I buy now I could lose money as prices are frozen and in real terms it would be cheaper in two months," said one agonized shopper in Jerusalem yesterday who couldn't make up his mind whether to buy a new toaster-oven.

"But maybe that cheaper price will be a relatively larger slice of my earnings," he added.

And his dilemma didn't stop there. "Then again, if I don't buy now I might not be able to find a toaster-oven in two months as shopkeepers may hide their stock in order not to sell at a loss. They may even force people to pay under-the-counter. God knows what I should do."

In Jaffa Road yesterday a crowd of shoppers huddled outside a discount supermarket for the latest special offers.

Some made notes while others moved on. Inside, the manager was explaining to customers who wanted sugar that the distributor had stopped supplying because of the cost.

But further along the street it was business as normal, according to a Persian rug merchant. The clientele hasn't changed, he said, as two women with \$100 to spend looked for a rug.

"We have the money so why not enjoy it. We're not speculators and anyway, in two months the merchants might not sell," one of them said.

And across the road in Rehov Ben-Yehuda there was also no change in business in a childrens clothing store.

Only a few people were carrying a copy of the government price lists. But there may be an explanation for that. One businessman in his shoe shop displayed the factory price list and explained that since he doesn't give credit his prices were low. His salesgirl explained that since Sunday she had been comparing prices. (Continued on page 3)

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DENVER	1	34	Cloudy
HELSINKI	7	48	Cloudy
HONGKONG	22	74	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	13	56	Cloudy
LONDON	10	51	Cloudy
MADRID	9	41	Cloudy
MONTREAL	4	39	Cloudy
NEW YORK	1	38	Cloudy
OSLO	1	38	Cloudy
PARIS	8	46	Cloudy
ROME	11	51	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	19	66	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

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Nahariya	73	11-16	16		
Safed	61	16-22	23		
Haifa Port	52	15-25	25		
Tiberias	52	14-22	22		
Nazareth	79	11-25	25		
Afula	43	12-21	21		
Shimon	57	15-22	22		
Tel Aviv	62	13-23	23		
B-G Airport	61	14-26	26		
Jericho	66	15-23	23		
Gaza	38	11-24	24		
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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Fifty members of a Wizo mission from Latin America, Australia, Europe and England, led by World Wizo President Raya Jaglom and World Wizo Executive Chairman Michal Moda, were yesterday received by President Chaim Herzog, at the presidential residence. The group then lunched at the Jerusalem Wizo club with guest of honor Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel yesterday hosted a lunch for former Danish prime minister Anker Joergensen and his wife. Joergensen is visiting Israel as guest of the Labour Party.

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy called on Mayor Teddy Kollek at City Hall yesterday.

Prof. Ephraim Ya'ar of Tel Aviv University will speak, in English, on "Public opinion in Israel" at the Rotary club meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton at 1:15 today.

Second rocket's remains found in Jordan Valley

YARDENA (Itim). - A member of this Jordan Valley moshav yesterday afternoon found the remains of a second Katyusha rocket fired at the area on Saturday night.

The area was shaken by two mighty bangs Saturday night, but a search revealed the remains of only one rocket. Yesterday, the army confirmed that the tail of a rocket and thousands of shrapnel splinters discovered in a nearby orchard were the remains of a second rocket.

80-year-old man killed while crossing street

An 80-year-old man was killed yesterday in Jerusalem when a minibus hit him while he was crossing Rehov Shmuel Hanavi.

The driver of the minibus was arrested for questioning. The name of the victim had not been released by press time last night. (Itim)

Exit Hapoel Ramat Gan in Euro basketball cup

Post Sports Staff
Hapoel Ramat Gan bowed out of the Korac Basketball Cup when they sustained a galling home defeat at Yad Eliahu last night, going down 87-75 to Stade Francaise.

The French club, who also won the first leg game last week, advanced to the quarter-final of the competition. (See also sport page 4).

HOME NEWS

Self-employed feel betrayed by package deal

TEL AVIV. - The odd-men-out in the package deal are the self-employed, who are subject to the new regulations and their effects without having been party to the decision-making.

The government, the Histadrut and the manufacturers all had their say, and the concessions made by each are fairly clear in outline, if not in detail. The self-employed, that amorphous body ranging from the corner shoemaker to the Herzliya dentist, were not consulted.

Ironically, it is the response of the self-employed that most worries the man in the street. It is relatively simple to compare the price of a cup of yoghurt with the advertised guidelines and thus discover whether you are being taken for a ride. It is far more difficult to question the price quoted by a mechanic for piston rings, or the value of advice provided by your accountant.

It would not be an exaggeration to say that the fate of the package deal rests, to a large extent, in the hands

NEWS BACKGROUND

By Roy Isacowitz

of the self-employed - and today the self-employed are seething. They are angry at having been excluded from the package-deal negotiations. And they are upset by what they regard as a "defamation campaign," tarring all the self-employed with the brush of those who cheat on their taxes.

Above all, the independents are up in arms over the levy they will have to pay under the package-deal. According to Eldad Bukspan, president of the Federation of the Self-Employed, the people he represents could well take to the streets if the government tries to collect an income-tax levy on the self-employed.

Making up some 20 per cent of the working population in all tax brackets, the self-employed believe that the levy is an unfair extra lead on a

sector that will anyway suffer badly from the price freeze. Their prices, they say, will remain stable, while their expenses rise. There is therefore no justification for an added tax.

The self-employed also feel betrayed. Bukspan met with Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi before the package deal was signed and was reportedly told that there was no need for him to participate in the talks, because the self-employed would not be directly affected by the outcome.

Then came the agreement with its attached protocol providing for a levy on the self-employed matching the reduction in the cost-of-living increment shouldered by the salaried workers.

The self-employed are relying on the chaos that has accompanied the imposition of the freeze to prevent the implementation of the levy. They are threatening action if it does not.

The self-employed also resent being lumped in the public mind with the large companies. While the Taxation under Inflationary Conditions Law did indeed make life a lot easier for companies, they say, it did nothing for them. If anything, their taxes went up.

They are justified in demanding representation on the economic coordinating bodies, if only because a rebellious independent sector could well be the death knell for the package deal - or any other economic programme that relies to a large extent on voluntary cooperation. And the country's tax revenue could well decline further if those self-employed that have been paying honest taxes decide to go underground.

Next week, Bukspan will meet with Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar in an attempt to find common ground. It should be an interesting meeting, as it was at Kessar's insistence that the provision for a levy on the self-employed was included in the package deal.

Histadrut demands rollback on government price list

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - The Histadrut reacted angrily yesterday to the revelation that many of the maximum prices posted by the Ministry of Industry and Trade were substantially higher than those in effect on November 2, the date that the price freeze took effect.

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar contacted Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who is acting industry and trade minister while Ariel Sharon is abroad, and demanded that the government fulfil its obligations under the package deal.

Kessar said that the Histadrut insists that prices be reduced to their true value on November 2, as agreed.

Histadrut central committee member Naftali Ben-Moshe described the official price rises as a "scandal," and said that they were an "open contravention of the package deal." He said that the increases were not a bureaucratic error, but the result of the ministry's capitulation to pressure from the Coordinating Bureau of Economic Organiza-

tions (representing the manufacturers), which insists on beginning the freeze at a high price level.

Ben-Moshe called on Kessar to demand that the trilateral economic council (comprising representatives of the government, the Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association) be convened in order to return the prices to their real level. If not, he said, the Histadrut should make it clear that it would also feel free to unilaterally contravene the package deal.

Central committee member Aliza

Tamir called for an immediate committee meeting to discuss the prices. She added that the committee should also discuss the statement by Energy Minister Moshe Shahal in a radio interview that the price of petrol will be frozen in November only.

Histadrut officials were not prepared to speculate on what action the labour federation might take if the prices are not returned to their November levels, preferring to wait until Nissim had replied to Kessar's demand.

Manufacturers deny they threatened to pull out of deal

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Manufacturers Association (IMA) never issued an ultimatum, or even hinted it would back out of the package deal if the original and now-defunct price list was not updated in line with IMA's demands, members said yesterday.

One member even said that "it would be well to freeze wild accusations, recriminations, and name calling for the next three months as well."

The industrialists are carrying the heaviest load and we don't like to be made scapegoats every time somebody thinks something went wrong."

According to IMA sources, industry and Trade Ministry clerks visited shops last week writing down the prices of some 400 items on store shelves. If an item was priced lower in one store, the lower price was registered.

This list was presented to the IMA for "study and recommendations" on Saturday night. On Sunday, the IMA checked it against their latest maximum recommended-price list used by most shopkeepers as a guide prior to the freeze.

The final list, which the IMA presented to the Ministry on Sunday, contained what the IMA claims were only a "handful" of upgraded

prices. "All we did was to insist that the maximum price approved by the wholesaler, or by the ministry, be put on the final list," the IMA spokesman said. "But storekeepers can charge anything they want below the maximum. In fact, charging less than the maximum today will allow them to keep their customers and eventually raise prices later," he said.



Israel Cancer Association volunteers count money collected in the society's annual door-to-door fundraising campaign, which ended Tuesday night. Third from left is Avraham Agmon, head of this year's campaign. (Israel Sun)

Divorced men: Freeze maintenance payments

A group called the Association of Men for Fair Divorce sent a telegram on Tuesday to Justice Minister Moshe Nissim demanding that he issue an order including the level of maintenance payments in the economic freeze of the package deal.

The group, which claims to repre-

sent several hundred divorced men, said dollar-linked or index-linked maintenance payments should be frozen at their shekel level. It argues that the prices of housing, food and clothing have been frozen, and that the salaries of men making maintenance payments will be eroded by the package deal.

ETHIOPIA FORBIDS

(Continued from Page One)

over many years to the previous regimes, are still in effect. Regrettably, assurances to the contrary have thus far proved unsubstantiated.

"Their dissemination, emanating from what would appear to be a misinterpretation of actual Ethiopian policy and practice, is painful and confusing, raising false hopes and illusions, particularly among the thousands of Jews from Ethiopia who, after much hardship, have succeeded in recent years in realizing their dream of reaching Israel."

The statement expressed the hope that the Ethiopian government would review its present policy "so as to enable the Jews in that country to preserve their religious freedoms and reunite with their brethren in Israel."

Israel, the statement concluded, "remains urgently and solemnly committed to the life-saving task of doing all in its power, with the closest co-operation of the relevant Jewish welfare agencies and organizations, to bring effective succour to its fellow Jews from Ethiopia and to enable them to reunite with their families in the Jewish State."

Chief Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jak-

bovis and Board of Deputies President Greville Janner, MP, have issued a joint appeal to the Anglo-Jewish community to give generously to the general appeal for people starving in Ethiopia because of famine there.

According to a Jewish Chronicle report, many Ethiopian Jews are dying of starvation. The report, which informed sources here regard with scepticism, was based in part on a telephone conversation with an Ethiopian Jew in Israel, Ya'acov Babu, who told the paper that "babies, children, men and women are dying every day" from the famine, perhaps as many as 15 a day. Some Ethiopian Jewish sources quoted by the paper put the number who have died this year alone as high as 2,000. But the paper adds that other sources believe that the figure is far too high and in fact say that the situation has recently improved.

At a Jerusalem news conference yesterday, the Haifa-based Association of Ethiopian Immigrants called on the government and the Jewish Agency to take all possible steps to save Ethiopian Jewry.

Approaches by association members to the government through Jewish Agency officials with offers to assist in whatever ways possible were politely declined. Volunteers were assured that whatever can be done for their fellow Ethiopian Jews is being done.

An association spokesman said Ethiopian Jews were perishing daily in refugee camps from diseases and starvation.

Mideast leaders hope Reagan promotes peace in region

Jerusalem Post Staff

and agencies
President Herzog yesterday congratulated newly re-elected U.S. President Reagan in a cable calling Reagan's landslide "the great victory which has reaffirmed your position as leader of the free world in this crucial period of mankind's history."

Prime Minister Peres said in his congratulatory cable to Reagan: "Your great and sincere friendship for Israeli democracy... [is] a source of encouragement and strength to us." Peres added that his faith in the continued cooperation between Reagan's administration and the Israel government was strengthened during his recent visit to Washington, and so was "my appreciation of your friendship."

In Damascus yesterday, President Hafez Assad sent a congratulatory telegram to Reagan and expressed hope for improved relations with the U.S.

Jordan's Foreign Minister Taber al-Masri said yesterday that Jordan hopes that "Reagan's crushing victory will strengthen his position and freedom to take decisions vis-a-vis pressure groups which try to deflect American policy away from a just and permanent peace in the Middle East."

Egypt's Foreign Minister Esmat Abdel-Meguid urged Reagan to lose no time in reactivating American peacemaking efforts in the region.

Kollek against East Jerusalem strike

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek yesterday asked East Jerusalem Arab leaders not to carry out their threat to strike all Arab-owned businesses in the eastern half of the capital on Saturday.

The strike was called by the Supreme Moslem Council to protest against the presence of Border Police troops on the Temple Mount.

Addressing a meeting of the leaders in the City Council chamber, Kollek said: "It is your right to strike, even though it seems a pity to

do so on Saturday, which is the best day for business." But he warned the strikers that they might play into the hands of what he called "extremist elements," and said he thought the strike was "unjustified."

Kollek stressed that the presence of Border Policemen was necessary to protect the site, which has been the target of several attacks.

Referring to complaints about improper behaviour by the Border Police contingent, Kollek said he was sure there were better ways than a strike to solve the problem.

Education for democracy now high priority

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Education Ministry director-general Eliezer Shmueli this week appealed to the principals and teachers of all primary and secondary schools to intensify studies dealing with democratic processes and principles.

The teaching of the subject will be supervised by a committee appointed by the ministry's Pedagogical Institute to be headed by Dr. Arik Karmon.

Democratic principles have always been taught in the schools, according to the secretary of the Pedagogical Institute, David Gur, but recent events make it imperative that these studies be intensified.

In a separate appeal, Shmueli asked all Arab schools in the country to undertake projects and studies aimed at strengthening the pupil's understanding of the values of democracy, and the importance of being tolerant.

The Weizmann Institute of Science
Deeply mourns the passing of

JAMES SENOR

gifted and devoted Executive Vice President of the Institute's Canadian Society, and much loved friend of many members of the Institute family, and sends profound condolences to his wife and children.

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With deep sorrow we announce the untimely passing of my dear brother

JOSE BERGER

Sitting shiva at the house of Alfred Berger
51 Sderot David Hamelech, Tel Aviv.

Alfred Berger and Family

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Maof employees demonstrate in front of the Knesset yesterday. The placard reads: "The Maof family has limitless dedication." (Rahamim Israelit)

Passengers with reservations on Maof to fly El Al, Arkia

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Persons holding Maof airline tickets with confirmed reservations for specific dates will be able to use them to fly on El Al and Arkia. Maof went bankrupt last Friday. (See related story, page 8.)

An agreement to this effect was reached yesterday between El Al, Arkia and the Discount Bank, which is one of Maof's creditors. Civil Aviation Administration director Shai Shohami said.

According to this arrangement, the would-be Maof passengers will fly abroad via El Al or Arkia and will be able to fly home on a stand-by basis aboard Arkia or El Al planes after paying \$50 to cover food and other expenses.

The agreement was reached after Discount Bank agreed to contribute some \$140 towards each passenger's flight. Details still have to be worked

out, however. According to the outline laid out so far in the talks, Maof ticket holders will not be allowed to fly on Sundays or Fridays, when traffic is heavy or during peak travel periods such as Christmas or Hanukkah.

The deal will thus help solve the problem of an estimated 300 to 350 people who had tickets for specific dates. But it will not cover some 450 to 500 others who held Maof tickets but with no specific departure dates.

Nor is there yet any special arrangements for those holding some 7,000 Maof subscription certificates. At the moment their status is similar to that of Maof's other creditors.

Haifa Magistrates Court Judge Eliezer Fichman yesterday issued a temporary injunction forbidding Bank Leumi and the Visa credit card firm to continue collecting monthly payments for Maof tickets from a Haifa couple.

MDA drive opens to aid famine-struck Ethiopians

Jerusalem Post Staff

Responding to reports that hundreds of Ethiopians are dying every day of hunger, Magen David Adom, Rehov Gibborei Yisrael 60, Tel Aviv 67062, and should be made out to Magen David Adom - Aid to Victims of Famine in Ethiopia. Contributions may also be made directly to account 184300, Bank Hapoalim branch 780 (Rehov Yitzhak Sadeh 45, Tel Aviv).

The Magen David Adom's call to the public to contribute was co-signed by President Herzog, Knesset Speaker Shlomo Hillel, Prime Minister Peres, Ministers Yitzhak Navon, Ariel Sharon and Mordechai Gur, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar and Manufacturers Association president Eli Hurwitz.

Three consecutive years of drought in Ethiopia threaten up to seven million people across the country with famine. In the past two weeks, western and Soviet Bloc countries have begun an airlift of emergency supplies.

Because of the urgency of the campaign, MDA is asking for contributions of money only. Checks may be sent to Magen David Adom, Rehov Gibborei Yisrael 60, Tel Aviv 67062, and should be made out to Magen David Adom - Aid to Victims of Famine in Ethiopia. Contributions may also be made directly to account 184300, Bank Hapoalim branch 780 (Rehov Yitzhak Sadeh 45, Tel Aviv).

139th conviction for Lebanon refusal

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Michael Levin, 42, of Jerusalem, was yesterday sentenced to 35 days prison for refusing military reserve duty in Lebanon. He is the 139th soldier to be imprisoned for refusing to serve there.

Levin told a military court that he

refuses to contribute in any way to this "senseless war."

Two weeks ago, 46-year-old Max Bloch, of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to 28 days in prison for the same offence. Bloch's sentence came six weeks after he was released from 14 days in prison on the same charge, a Yesh Gvul (There's a Limit) spokesman said yesterday.

1,039 children molested last year

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Last year, 1,039 children were sexually molested throughout the country, 865 of them girls under age 14, according to a report submitted this week to Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katav by the ministry's Youth Probation Service.

The largest number of both sexes assaulted - 172 - was in the Jerusalem area.

According to the report, 133 boys and girls under age 14 were raped or

sodomized. Most of the assaults (639) involved being kissed or caressed by the molester, and 260 were cases of exhibitionism.

The law stipulates that a victim of a sexual crime who is under age 14 may be questioned only by an authorized investigator summoned by the police, such as a social worker or psychologist. There are 135 authorized investigators in the country, but during the period covered by the report only 70 of them were utilized.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Tessel

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Clampdown on carcinogenic pesticide

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

One of the most dangerous pesticides in use here was placed under a partial ban and subjected to new restrictions this week.

Professor Baruch Modan, outgoing Health Ministry director-general, and Meir Ben-Meir, director-general of the Agriculture Ministry, have banned the use of ethylene-di-bromide (EDB), marketed in Israel under the trade name Temek, in certain parts of the country, placed it under severe restrictions and monitoring in others, and permitted it to be used freely only in specific areas.

EDB is one of a group of systemic pesticides placed around the roots of the growing plant, rendering the entire plant poisonous for a time.

Recent research in the U.S. has shown EDB to be highly carcinogenic, possibly mutagenic and very dangerous to wild life and the ecological balance, particularly when it enters the underground water system.

The pesticide has been in use here since 1976. Originally introduced as an emergency measure to control insect pests in cotton fields, its use was to have been closely monitored. But the ministry's agriculture monitoring system, from the start, proved inadequate and EDB rapidly became popular in other branches of agriculture. For a number of years it has been used for purposes other than that for which it was licensed, particularly by fruit and vegetable growers.

From its first appearance here, EDB has been a bone of contention between farmers, health experts and environmentalists. At the 1976 ministerial advisory committee meeting, where the use of EDB, already banned in more than 20 states in the U.S., was recommended, the Israel Nature Reserves Authority repre-

sentative was the sole committee member to oppose its introduction here. When use of the chemical was approved, the authority allowed its representative to resign from the committee in protest.

Although farmers have been given until March 1985 to complete the phase-out of EDB in areas where it is to be banned, a Health Ministry official said that intensive monitoring will begin at once, before the onset of the heavy rains.

But farmers, particularly winter-vegetable, fruit and citrus growers, are very displeased by the ban. They say that there is no substitute for the pesticide and that its prohibition will result in increased losses from pest damage and hence higher prices for their produce.

Delineation of the areas into which the country will be divided basically follows guidelines laid down by hydrologists on the probability of the chemical's entering the

underground water system. In areas such as the Jordan Valley and parts of the Coastal Plain where the water table is particularly high, the chemical will be forbidden. In others, it will be permitted only for certain crops, particularly non-edible crops such as cotton and only during certain seasons. Use of EDB will only be permitted freely where there is no possibility of its reaching the aquifers.

Yesterday, a senior Nature Reserves Authority official expressed his satisfaction that the chemical was at last being taken seriously as a threat to man and beast. But he doubted whether the ban would be enforced, since, he said, "as long as anyone has it, then Moshe gives it to Haim and no one can watch every farmer all the time."

He said that he feels that the new ruling should be considered only a first step and "evidence of good intentions," but that the use of EDB should eventually be entirely banned here.

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Motion censuring Sharon libel suit is shelved

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim yesterday defended Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon's right to sue Time magazine for libel.

But he also said he was prepared to examine whether other governments require ministers to obtain cabinet approval before taking such a step.

Nissim was replying to a motion for the agenda by Michael Harish (Alignment-Labour), who asserted that Sharon's suit, even in its preliminary stages, has been exploited by anti-Israel elements in the U.S.

Harish said Sharon's planned three-week absence from the country while he appears at the libel trial just when the package deal has been launched, is an aggravating factor, as Sharon has parliamentary responsibility for price control.

Nissim said the government has collective responsibility for the success of price control, and Sharon's absence has created no vacuum. Nissim, who is acting minister of industry and commerce, said development would have been no different if Sharon had been in the country.

He said that a minister, like any citizen, has the basic right to defend his good name, and no law can deprive him of that.

As to the alleged damage the libel suit has caused Israel, Nissim said he did not know which was worse: that the injured party filed the suit, or that Time's charges should reverberate around the world unchallenged.

IN THE KNESSET

By Aryeh Rubinstein and Asher Wallfish

Nissim requested that Harish withdraw his motion for a debate, and Harish agreed.

Harish submitted his motion after the House Committee overruled the Knesset President's decision not to recognize the urgency of his motion. His agreement to withdraw it is understood to have been made at the request of Prime Minister Peres after the intervention of Likud leaders.

Road accidents
Uriel Linn (Likud-Liberal) yesterday made a hard-hitting speech containing a number of specific proposals for combating road accidents. Transport Minister Haim Corfu agreed that a full-scale debate be held, and the House so decided.

Linn, who is chairman of a subcommittee that deals with road-traffic problems, said that the government must increase its budget for the improvement of roads.

In a motion for the agenda, he said that the 250 problematic intersections and the 220 kilometres of "red" highways should be dealt with, in the coming year, and that the petrol excise should be raised by 2 per cent to finance this.

Enforcement of traffic regulations is lax, and licensing requirements

should be toughened up, Linn said. As an example of what he called an inexcusably light sentence, he cited the case of a man who killed a pedestrian when he committed a double violation and was let off with a two-year sentence. For manslaughter on the roads, Linn thought, the minimum penalty should be five years in jail.

Ariel Weinstein (Likud-Liberal) said he did not expect anything to come out of another Knesset debate on the subject. "Why isn't the law enforced?" he asked, demanding that the minister come to the Knesset with "unconventional proposals."

Theft of farm produce
Agriculture Minister Aryeh Nehamkin announced his "complete support" for a private member's bill submitted by Edna Solodar (Alignment-Labour) prescribing a seven-year jail sentence for the theft

of agricultural produce or equipment worth at least IS\$5,000.

The motion was referred to the Interior Committee.

Old age pensions
Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katzav said in the Knesset Social Affairs Committee yesterday that the Treasury and his ministry are at loggerheads over the meaning of the cabinet decision that aged persons whose income was 10 per cent higher than the average national wage will not get the National Insurance Institute's old-age pension.

Katzav said the Treasury interprets the decision to mean that those older than 65 will get no NII pension at all, whereas he understands it to mean that their pension, until now tax-free, will be taxable.

Katzav said he would next week submit to the cabinet his plans to combat a possible rise in unemployment.

Price freeze vote will test gov't muscle

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The national unity coalition faces its first no-confidence motion next Monday, over the price freeze.

The Democratic Front for Peace and Equality which has tabled the motion, accuses the government of trying to enrich the capitalist class at the expense of the wage-earners.

Tebiya, while it has not tabled its

own no-confidence motion, has said unofficially that in Monday's debate it will propose that a no-confidence vote be held.

Similarly, Mapam and the Citizens Rights Movement have warned that if reports that the government has frozen prices at an exorbitantly high level are borne out, they will also ask for a no-confidence vote.

Court rejects appeal in Jewish terror trial

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Supreme Court yesterday rejected the appeal of Yehuda Cohen, one of the first members of the alleged Jewish terrorist organization to be convicted, against his sentence.

The court accepted the state's argument that in view of the increase in the number of attempted attacks on the Temple Mount, a severe deterrent sentence was warranted.

Cohen, 25, of Ofra, northeast of Ramallah, was sentenced to 18 months in prison and given another 2 years suspended after pleading guilty as part of a plea bargain concluded with the prosecution. He was charged with membership in a conspiracy to blow up the Dome of the Rock. The charge was reduced from the more serious one of membership in a terrorist organization, the same charge on which 20 of his alleged associates are being tried in the Jerusalem District Court.

Cohen scouted out the Temple Mount and the Dome of the Rock area on three occasions as part of the group's preparations to plant explosives around the mosque's base pillars, which would have caused the gold-domed building to collapse.

According to his advocate, Cohen withdrew from the conspiracy after becoming convinced that the operation was a mistake.

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Yehuda Cohen (Scoop 80)

Miri Herzog buried in Gadera

GADERA (Itim). - Miri Herzog, the 17-year-old girl who disappeared and was apparently murdered while on a trip to Sinai about half a year ago, was buried here yesterday. Her body had been returned on Monday by the Egyptian authorities and was positively identified by police pathologists on Tuesday. It was impossible to establish the cause of death.

The burial, attended by family, friends and local residents, ended months of uncertainty for the family. After the body was found buried in the dunes near Nuweiba, Herzog's sister identified it in August by the jewelry and clothing found with it. That identification was partially confirmed by police pathologist Bezalel Bloch, who several weeks ago pronounced it the body of a young woman. But the Egyptian authorities insisted it was the body of a 60-year-old woman, a contention they continued to press on Monday

when the body was finally returned to Israel.

Herzog's uncle, Eli Avivi, the self-proclaimed "king" of Achziv, north of Acre, speaking at the funeral, said: "The Egyptians have caused the family and the nation great sorrow. They took a pretty girl and returned a decomposing corpse. May those responsible for her death be punished by God and man."

B-G professors to teach

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - Even if Ben-Gurion University does not officially open for studies on Sunday, its academic staff said last night that they would be in the lecture halls and laboratories and would start classes.

Studies have not yet begun at B-G-U; at the other universities opened, they began last Sunday.

Murder victim was New Zealand tourist

TEL AVIV (Itim). - The body of a young man found murdered in the Yarkon River Tuesday was identified yesterday as Charles Nicholson, a 24-year-old tourist from New Zealand. He had been staying at the Bnei Dan hostel, near where his body was discovered.

A friend of Nicholson identified the body. The police confirmed his identity on the basis of documents they found among his possessions.

The body was found Tuesday

morning floating face down in the Yarkon River under a railroad bridge. Nicholson had been stabbed and bludgeoned, and the bloodied knife and steel spike used to kill him were found on the bridge.

The police have begun questioning people staying at the hostel and friends Nicholson had met in Tel Aviv to find out the motive for the murder. The suspicion is that a dispute had broken out between Nicholson and the others, but the nature of the dispute is not known.

Dinitz appointed to head Knesset body

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Alignment Knesset Member Simha Dinitz, a former ambassador to Washington and a long-time Foreign Ministry staffer, has been named by the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee to head a special subcommittee to handle Foreign Ministry affairs as well as what are discreetly called "special matters."

The most delicate subcommittee dealing with intelligence and security services, however, was left in the

hands of committee chairman, former deputy premier and foreign minister Abba Eban.

The other subcommittees are: on Lebanon, to be headed by Mapam leader Victor Shemtov; weapons purchases, the Likud's David Magen; military readiness in the Israel Defence Forces, former chief of general staff, Rafael Eitan; security legislation, the Likud's Dan Meridor; and operations in the administered areas, Amnon Linn (Alignment).

'Zionism is racism' foes to review motion

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former ambassadors of three countries to the UN who voted against the U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism on November 10, 1975, will come together in Jerusalem on the ninth anniversary of the adoption of the resolution for a one-day seminar on the resolution's falsity.

President Chaim Herzog, who was then Israel's UN ambassador and who tore up his copy of the resolution before the General Assembly, will speak along with U.S. Senator

Patrick Moynihan and Father Benjamin Menez, a former Costa Rican ambassador to Israel and to the U.N. Vice Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir will also participate.

The seminar, to be held at Beit Hanassi, was initiated by the Information Department of the World Zionist Organization. Discussions will also on global signs of anti-Semitism such as the spreading of anti-Semitic literature, defacement of synagogues and Jewish monuments, threats against Jews and Jewish institutions.

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"Of course, we merchants stand to lose money," he said, "but something has to be done. I really hope this deal will work though I doubt its efficacy."

In the downtown branch of Ata, when a shopper approached a saleswoman to ask the price of a pair of men's underwear, the woman didn't mind at all when the shopper - a tourist - put the article back in the bin and left the shop.

At IS\$400 - almost five dollars - it was too much for anybody from Europe or America to pay. But in Ata, and in dozens of Israeli shops throughout Jerusalem and indeed throughout the country yesterday, it was still hard to tell if it was a little or a lot.

PRICE GAME

normal volume. Answering a telephone request for a quote he said: "There are no dollars now - everything is in shekels."

He thinks most of his normal clients are buying just what they need to keep going, and are gambling that prices will be lower soon. "But you can't tell what will happen. Maybe the manufacturers of the man-made boards will stop supplying."

Herbert Zilberstein at the Migdal David wholesale office suppliers had a different experience. His entire stock of office desks were bought up on the first day of the freeze.

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World leaders salute Reagan

LONDON. — Leaders around the world congratulated President Reagan on his landslide re-election and expressed hope for progress on nuclear arms reductions over the next four years.

Soviet leaders sent a congratulatory telegram to Reagan and said they hoped "that the coming years will be marked by a turn for the better in relations between our countries."

The telegram signed by the president of the Supreme Soviet, which is headed by President Konstantin Chernenko, made no mention of Reagan's call for a summit meeting with the Kremlin leader but said Moscow is willing to work for better relations.

The Tass news agency called on Reagan for concrete actions on his pledge to reduce nuclear arms.

Czechoslovakia, one of Moscow's closest allies, seemed most critical of Reagan's success.

Prague radio said many Americans "believed Reagan's promises that if he is elected one of his principal priorities will be weapons... even though in the preceding four years in the White House he pursued an entirely different policy."

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, terming the result a strong personal success, said the President's headline image had made him a "much misunderstood man" in Europe.

Kohl said he was sure Reagan would follow through on election pledges to seek nuclear-arms agree-

ments with Moscow.

Leading French politicians welcomed the result, which was also viewed warmly in Britain, where Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher sees eye-to-eye with Reagan on many issues.

Labour Leader Neil Kinnock called on Reagan to persuade Thatcher to adopt economic policies similar to his expansionary strategy, which had created 6.5 million new jobs in the U.S. in the last two years.

Liberal Party leader David Steel, who briefly campaigned with Democratic Party hopeful Gary Hart in the primaries, said: "I am sad about the outcome of the election. In terms of world peace it must be a worrying result."

In Peking, which is interested in acquiring U.S. technology and arms, a foreign ministry spokesman congratulated Reagan and said China hoped relations would develop further.

Governments in black Africa prepared congratulatory messages but diplomats said they were unhappy at the result because of Reagan's closer links with South Africa.

South Africa appeared delighted and President P.W. Botha sent a telegram of effusive congratulations. "May your leadership turn back the forces of international terrorism and frustrate Marxist attempts to create chaos," he told Reagan.

In extending congratulations, leaders in Italy, Japan, the Philippines, Denmark, Sweden, the Netherlands, Australia and other

countries expressed hope that Reagan would work to improve ties with Moscow and to end the risk of nuclear war.

In Holland, Bert de Vries, parliamentary leader of the Christian Democrats, senior partner in the governing centre-right coalition, said the landslide indicated that "the Americans have rediscovered their self-esteem."

Rajiv Gandhi, who succeeded his slain mother Indira Gandhi as prime minister of India last week, sent a message to Reagan in which he "expressed confidence that the mutually beneficial ties between the two countries would be strengthened and expanded in the years to come."

At the Arab Gulf region editorialists and opinion-makers expressed hopes that Reagan's landslide victory will augur favourably for the Middle East peace process.

But radical writers cautioned that Vice-President George Bush might lean sharply towards Israel against the Arab cause.

Marshalling allegedly pro-Israel statements by both Reagan and Mondale, newspapers and radio commentators said that as far as the Arabs were concerned, Reagan's triumph constituted the "lesser evil."

In Lebanon the Jihad Islami (Islamic Holy War) terrorist organization, cited the election as it made a new threat to "blow up all American interests in Beirut and elsewhere in Lebanon." (Reuter, AP.)

Russian defence minister's absence from parade noticed

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Ustinov was missing yesterday when troops, tanks and flag-waving civilians paraded past the Kremlin leadership in Red Square on the 67th anniversary of the Russian Revolution.

Ustinov, 76, considered one of the Kremlin's most powerful figures, was due to take the salute at the start of the two-hour parade and to make a speech from the Lenin Mausoleum where leaders traditionally watch military hardware rumble by.

Asked about Ustinov, a Politburo member and Moscow party chief told reporters in the square after the annual parade: "He caught a cold, a sore throat... Everything is OK."

Earlier, a Foreign Ministry official said in reply to questions that he understood Ustinov was "not well."

Ustinov has not been seen in public since the end of September.

Deputy defence minister Marshal Sergei Sokolov reviewed the troops from an open-top limousine and then joined leaders on the tomb to make a speech in which he accused the U.S. of being responsible for East-West tension.

Sokolov, 73, did not mention newly elected President Reagan, but he said U.S. policies had soured super-power relations.

Each year, western diplomats study the leadership lineup at the event as a barometer of political, and even physical, strength. Yesterday, Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov and Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko stood next to President Konstantin Chernenko atop the mausoleum.

In testimony to parliamentary panel Kohl denies using influence on decision to help Flick

BONN (Reuter). — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl yesterday firmly rejected allegations that he had any influence on a West German government decision to grant a large tax concession to the Flick industrial empire in the mid-1970s.

Kohl was testifying for the first time before a special all-party parliamentary committee investigating charges that the private Flick group tried to buy influence through generous cash handouts to political leaders and their parties.

He was questioned about tax concessions granted to Flick by the previous centre-left coalition of Chancellor Helmut Schmidt after the firm sold a big stake in the Daimler-Benz

car firm for 2 billion marks (\$650 million).

The Economics Ministry ruled that a concession was justified because the money was being invested in the American chemical conglomerate W.R. Grace and Co., and would be of technological benefit to West German industry.

But Kohl's centre-right coalition has since reversed the decision and ordered Flick to pay taxes on the deal.

Kohl testified that at the time the tax break was awarded he was leader of the opposition Christian Democrats and had little contact with government ministries.

Hanoi: China shelling northern border area

BANGKOK (Reuter). — Vietnam yesterday accused Chinese troops of firing about 1,400 artillery shells into Ha Tuyen province in one day.

Radio Hanoi, monitored in Bangkok, said the shelling in the northern border area had destroyed civilian houses and other property.

It said that last Saturday alone the Chinese fired about 1,400 artillery shells into Ha Tuyen province.

The radio said Chinese troops also made many incursions into the area but were immediately intercepted by Vietnamese forces. It gave no other details.

Marcos rules against Aquino 'people's court'

MANILA (Reuter). — President Ferdinand Marcos yesterday ruled out setting up a "people's court" to try those named by an official report as implicated in the murder of Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino.

He said reports by a commission of inquiry had already been sent to the official ombudsman for preliminary inquiries, and added: "We cannot under any pretext whatsoever change the rules in the middle of the game, or change the referee before the game is finished."

Addressing a luncheon meeting of the University of the Philippines Law Alumni Association, Marcos described proposals for a special court, mainly by opposition members of Parliament, as being constitutionally weak and lacking wisdom and propriety.

GERMANY. — A four-day international conference on "Current Political Trends in the Federal Republic of Germany" is to be held at the Haifa University starting Monday, November 12.

Republicans fail in Congress bid

WASHINGTON (AP). — Despite Ronald Reagan's overwhelming victory at the presidential level, many Republicans were left on the sidelines as Democrats kept control of the House of Representatives and trimmed the president's majority in the Senate.

"What we've done only prepares us for what we're going to do," Reagan told exuberant supporters in Los Angeles as they cheered, "four more years, four more years."

But Democratic House Speaker Thomas O'Neill Jr. was quick to say: "I don't think there was any mandate out there whatsoever." Pointing to the Republican failure to make significant gains in Congress, O'Neill said: "The voters sent Democrats to Congress as a mandate to them, as a safety net for the American people."

The Democratic speaker called Reagan's victory a tribute to "the tremendous popularity of the president of the United States. We have never seen his equal."

Television network interviews with voters as they left polling places indicated that while the economy was a plus for Reagan, the biggest factor in his landslide was the fact that most Americans like the president.

"His victory was not an ideological one," Sheldon Gwaiser, an NBC television poll spokesman said. "It's

the economy and his general leadership personality."

In the ABC news poll, more than 80 per cent of the 30,000 people questioned said it was not important to them how Reagan and his Democratic challenger stood on issues such as nuclear arms and abortion.

The battle for control of Congress, however, saw the Democrats pick up two Senate seats. Republicans entered the election with a 55 to 45 margin in the Senate, and walked away with a 53-47 margin.

In the House of Representatives, the Democrats had won or were leading for 254 seats. The Republicans had won or were leading for 181 others. If that trend holds, the president's party would gain 14 seats, short of the 26 seats it lost two years ago. The Democrats entered the election with a House majority of 267 to 168.

Two bitterly fought Senate races, one in North Carolina and one in Illinois, will likely have foreign ramifications. Republican "New Right" leader Jesse Helms of North Carolina fought back a tough challenge from Democratic Governor James Hunt to win a third term.

Republican Senator Charles Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was defeated by a liberal Democratic, putting Helms in line to head the prestigious committee. But that could happen

only if Helms chooses to give up his chairmanship of the Senate Agriculture Committee, a post his state's tobacco farmers view as important.

In the House, Clarence Long (Democrat-Maryland), who used his chairmanship of a House Appropriations subcommittee to wage a powerful action against Reagan's Central American policy, was defeated by Republican challenger Helen Dietrich Bentley. It was her third run against the veteran congressman.

Four years ago, Reagan's landslide carried the Republicans to control of the Senate and to a gain of 33 House seats that enabled them to forge a conservative coalition that gave him majorities for his budget and tax cutting proposals.

But that coalition was shattered in 1982, when the Democrats gained 26 seats. Republicans hoped a Reagan landslide would enable them to recoup their 1982 losses.

Among the new faces in the Senate will be Democrats John D. Rockefeller IV of West Virginia and John Kerry of Massachusetts.

Rockefeller, an heir to the Rockefeller fortune from which he has spent millions for his election campaign, has concentrated largely on domestic issues, although he spent a year studying in Japan and spent two years at the U.S. State Department.

Kerry, the Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor who began his political career a decade ago as a leader of Vietnam Veterans Against the War, defeated Republican businessman Raymond Shamie in a hotly contested campaign.

In Virginia, Republican Senator John Warner, former navy secretary and a strong supporter of the American military buildup, won re-election to a second term.

In the House, Texan Jim Wright, Democratic leader and a foreign-policy moderate, was unopposed in his bid for re-election to his 16th term.

In Puerto Rico, former governor Rafael Hernandez Colon defeated two-term Carlos Romero Barcelo, derailed the incumbent's campaign to make Puerto Rico the 51st U.S. state.

REAGAN VICTORY



U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, with his wife Sally at his right, among the crowd at Tel Aviv's Hilton Hotel in the small hours of yesterday morning watching results of the presidential election being relayed directly from the U.S.

"America's best days lie ahead — and, you forgive me, I'm going to do it one more time — you ain't seen nothing yet," the president said, reiterating a phrase that became the motto of his campaign.

With the crowd chanting, "Four more years, four more years," Reagan recalled that "four years ago, our country faced some real problems, but instead of complaining together we rolled up our sleeves and began working together." And, he said, his administration would continue to do so.

"The work isn't finished. There is much to be done," Reagan said. "The recovery will not be complete until it's complete for everyone. By rebuilding our strength, we can bring closer the day when all nations will begin reducing nuclear weapons and eventually will ban them from the earth entirely," he said.

"We must continue not only into the next four years but into the next decade and century to keep America strong," he added.

Reagan arrived in the ballroom of the Century Plaza Hotel to a stirring rendition of *Hail to the Chief*, the traditional music to announce an American President, as his supporters cheered and waved campaign placards.

Meanwhile, Mondale, 56, and Ferraro, 49, made gracious concession speeches, thanking supporters "when they booed Reagan's name, and congratulating the president."

Although Mondale said his liberal legions would continue the fight for a more just society, he added: "We are all Americans. He is our president and we honour him tonight."

Mondale maintained his composure despite a weary appearance and a cracking voice as he addressed his supporters in St. Paul, Minnesota. But he wept softly as he made his way out of the hall.

Ferraro was still full of fire and said her candidacy had broken the barrier against women on U.S. presidential tickets.

"My candidacy has said the days of discrimination are numbered," she told a rally in New York City. "American women will never again be second-class citizens."

But voter surveys showed her initial run had little impact on the race. Most people said it had not affected their decisions. Reagan took not only a solid majority of the women's vote but, competing against the Roman Catholic Ferraro, took the Catholic and Italian-American votes as well.

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PRESIDENT RONALD Reagan has a mandate without blueprint after his last, best landslide - a triumph he could not transfer to the rest of the Republican ticket.

The re-elected president vowed to extend his conservative renaissance "into the next decade and the next century." But to do it, he will have to fashion new alliances and power blocs in a divided government. That may require some compromises.

Reagan's re-election campaign was short on specifics on what he is going to do. To do much, he will have to get Congress to vote his way or he will see his programmes stalemated. And this week's elections point to continuing administration problems with the Democratic House.

WHEN REAGAN won four years

ago, Republicans swelled their house minority by 33 seats, and won 12 in the Senate to take control there. Those gains made possible the tax cuts and spending reductions Reagan won during his first two years in office. On those, and on contentious defence and foreign issues, the president got his way by enlisting conservative House Democrats.

But it usually was a close call, and the coalition lost its clout when the Republicans lost 26 House seats in 1982. Tuesday's gains did not restore it.

Furthermore, the 1986 elections could well put Congress back in

Mandate without a mission

By WALTER R. MEARS / Washington

Democratic control. Republicans will have to defend 22 seats. Democrats only 12.

All of that weighs against the prospect of bold, brand-new proposals to keynote Reagan's second term. Basically, the president has promised to keep doing what he's been doing; frequently, when he did get specific it was about things he vowed not to do.

He said he wouldn't raise taxes, declaring at one point that it would happen only "over my dead body."

The more standard administration line is that tax increases would be sought only as a last resort, and that federal deficits will be curbed through economic expansion and spending cuts.

His aides say Reagan has no higher priority than arms control, an issue Mondale hammered fruitlessly. The president said Tuesday he expects to meet Soviet leaders at the summit during his second term. "...It's time for us to get together and talk about a great many things."

A RESHAPING of the venerable Supreme Court could be a major, and lasting, imprint of the second Reagan term. Five of the nine justices would reach the age of 80 before the end of that term, and there surely will be justices to appoint during the next four years.

Mondale tried to make that an issue, saying Reagan would tailor his choices to the wishes of the new right. The president surely would choose justices who agree with his conservative philosophy, and perhaps with his views for school prayer and against abortion.

But some conservatives bristled at the one appointment he has made to

the court, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, even though she is in accord with the Reagan philosophy. The new right wanted specific promises, not philosophy, and she wouldn't provide them. Justices are like that, and future Reagan appointees almost surely would take the same position.

Furthermore, presidents only nominate justices. It takes Senate confirmation to put them on the high court. Reagan's landslide predecessors all ran into trouble in the Senate over their choices for the court.

As second-term governor of California, Reagan showed he knew the arts of compromise as well as the tenets of conservatism. As second-term president, he may well do the same.



(The Associated Press)

Ronald Reagan

(Rubin)

Confounding the critics

By ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS / Washington

RONALD WILSON REAGAN'S initial bid for elective office, at an age when most people are planning their retirement, was not taken seriously by his opponents, who dismissed the veteran Hollywood actor as an amateur in politics.

But he won that round in 1966 by a landslide, and at age 55 became governor of California, the most populous U.S. state.

After two terms there, he turned his attention to national politics, barely missing on his first bid for the Republican Party's presidential nomination in 1976.

He was swept into the presidency in 1980 by voters frustrated over economic problems at home and President Jimmy Carter's seeming impotence in the face of the hostage crisis in Iran.

Soon after he took office, he turned 70 and became the oldest person ever to be U.S. president.

Concern about Reagan's age became an issue after his first televised debate with Democratic challenger Walter Mondale last month, when he was on the defensive and his performance looked less assured than usual.

But the issue lasted for just two weeks, until the second debate when he was asked whether he had any doubts that he had the endurance to handle an extended crisis.

"Not at all," he responded. "I also will not make age an issue of this campaign. I am not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and inexperience."

Even Mondale laughed as Reagan once again used one of the hallmarks of his career - a well-timed joke - to defuse doubts about him.

REAGAN'S ABILITY to perform on camera, polished in three decades as a radio announcer and Hollywood actor, earned him the nickname "the Great Communicator" from supporters and opponents alike.

His ability to deliver a prepared speech, whether from memory or a teleprompter, far exceeds that of other recent American presidents or presidential candidates. The gaffes that also have marked his political career usually have come when he was speaking off-the-cuff, often at news conferences.

Ironically, Reagan seems to have defied one of the truisms about U.S. presidents - that they age dramatically during a four-year term, with

Jimmy Carter as the most recent demonstration.

To many, Reagan scarcely looks a day older than when he took office, even though a would-be assassin's bullet came within one inch of his heart in March 1981.

White House observers attribute that in part to his easy-going schedule and to his leaving many of the day-to-day details of government to aides and cabinet members.

Reagan relies on briefings by experts and often uses a collegial approach to major decisions, listening to his aides present different points of view before he chooses a position.

Carter, on the other hand, seemed obsessed with mastering every detail himself, often by his own extensive reading.

REAGAN ADMITS he wasn't a serious student in a small college near his home. Instead, he threw himself into sports, drama and student politics.

Reagan soon had a job as a radio announcer, describing the play-by-play of sporting events. He signed his first Hollywood contract in 1937 and went on to make 50 movies.

He campaigned for Democratic President Harry S. Truman in 1948. Four years later, he remained a Democrat, but supported Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower for president.

In 1962, he switched his voter registration from Democratic to Republican.

Reagan refuses to discuss his divorce in 1948 from actress Jane Wyman after eight years of marriage and two children - Maureen, now 43, and an adopted son, Michael, 39. Wyman herself says she left Reagan because he seemed to be becoming obsessed with politics.

At the time of his divorce he was president of the Screen Actors Guild, the major Hollywood union, and he led moves to exclude leftists from film-making during the United States post-World War II anti-Communist obsession.

His movie career declined after the war, but he revived it with a television announcer's job in the 1950s and a cowboy role in the early 1960s.

He married his current wife, actress Nancy Davis, in 1952. They have two children, Patricia, 32, and Ronald, 26.

(The Associated Press)



Savouring a moment of victory... George Bush and Ronald Reagan.

THE ROAD TO '88

By DAVID NAGY / Washington

GEORGE BUSH, elected to his second term as vice-president, has proved himself a supreme loyalist to President Reagan during almost four years of dutiful work in the White House shadows.

Although Bush, 60, refuses to discuss his own ambitions, most political analysts assume his reward will be a strong shot at the Republican presidential nomination in 1988.

He could also succeed to the presidency untested. If Reagan, at 73, the oldest president in U.S. history, were to die in office or retire for health reasons, Bush would take over for the remainder of the four-year term.

His unwavering support for Reagan throughout their first term and re-election campaign has surprised and delighted the conservative Republican hierarchy.

Formerly labelled a political moderate from an eastern blueblood family, it is just four years since Bush fought tooth-and-nail for the nomination against Reagan, a conservative westerner.

He mocked Reagan's tax-cutting ideas as "voodoo economics" and portrayed him as a naive saboteur in foreign affairs.

ONE HINT that Bush and Reagan still have political differences came early in the latest campaign when he said his boss might have to raise taxes eventually to help reduce huge government deficits.

That undercut Reagan's campaign pledge to avoid tax rises and forced an embarrassed Bush to beat a retreat on the issue.

There have been other slip-ups, too. His wife Barbara stirred controversy by referring to Bush's Democratic opponent Geraldine Ferraro as "that four-million-dollar-I can't say it, but it rhymes with rich." She later telephoned Ferraro to apologize.

Bush was also criticized for his turn of phrase after reporters overheard him saying: "I kicked ass last night" - meaning he had soundly beaten Ferraro in a televised debate.

In fact, instant opinion polls showed voters thought Bush was the winner of the clash. It provided a much-needed boost for the Republican cause after Reagan had fared poorly in his first debate with rival Walter Mondale, a performance that revived questions about the president's age and mental sharpness.

BUSH HAS only one peer - Mondale, in Jimmy Carter's administration - as an activist vice president given responsible jobs beyond the ceremonial duties of the office.

When Reagan was wounded by a would-be assassin in 1981, Bush assumed his public duties in a cool, firm manner that impressed Reagan and contrasted favourably with the response by then secretary of state Alexander Haig.

The president assured Bush of a key role in White House councils, including attendance at all meetings of the National Security Council, leadership of foreign diplomatic missions and chairmanship of the administration's crisis management team.

GEORGE HERBERT WALKER Bush was born on June 12, 1924, in

Massachusetts, the son of an investment banking heiress and Wall Street financier Prescott Bush, later a U.S. senator.

He spent much of his youth in the upper-crust suburb of Greenwich, Connecticut, attended elite private schools and Yale University, where he distinguished himself as both a top scholar and an athlete.

During World War II, he became at 18 the youngest U.S. Navy aviator in history and was decorated for valour in combat.

After the war and graduation from Yale, he moved to Texas and added his own millions to the family fortune by establishing a successful offshore oil-drilling firm.

That made him, politically, a "Texan" as well as an easterner, and provided his first power base as a member of Congress from Texas for two two-year terms in 1966 and 1968.

However, he also lost in two bids to be elected a senator for the same state.

Attracted by Bush's hard-line support for the Vietnam War effort, President Richard Nixon brought him onto the national stage as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations in 1971 and Republican Party chairman in 1973.

President Ford named Bush leader of the first modern U.S. liaison office in China in 1974 and 1975, and head of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1976 and early 1977.

His bid for the presidential nomination in 1980 fell just short - but Bush's hopes of reaching the Oval Office are not extinguished yet.

(Reuters News Service)

How they voted...

FOR THE PRESIDENT

The results of Tuesday's presidential election for each state. The table includes the number of electoral votes won by Walter Mondale and Ronald Reagan, designated by "E," and the percentage of the popular vote for each, designated by "P."

In the totals column, the number of votes is in brackets.

STATE	MON-E	REA-E	MON-P	REA-P
Alabama	0	9	40	60
Alaska	0	3	20	80
Arizona	0	7	36	64
Arkansas	0	6	42	58
California	0	47	41	59
Colorado	0	8	35	65
Connecticut	0	8	39	61
Delaware	0	3	41	59
D.C.	3	0	85	15
Florida	0	21	34	66
Georgia	0	12	41	59
Hawaii	0	4	44	56
Idaho	0	4	45	55
Illinois	0	24	47	53
Indiana	0	12	38	62
Iowa	0	8	40	60
Kansas	0	7	34	66
Kentucky	0	9	38	62
Louisiana	0	10	38	62
Maine	0	4	41	59
Maryland	0	10	46	54
Massachusetts	0	13	not available	not available
Michigan	0	20	35	65
Minnesota	10	0	not available	not available
Mississippi	0	7	37	63
Missouri	0	11	38	62
Montana	0	4	38	62
Nebraska	0	5	29	71
Nevada	0	4	29	71
New Hampshire	0	4	30	70
New Jersey	0	16	38	62
New Mexico	0	5	39	61
New York	0	36	46	54
North Carolina	0	13	36	64
North Dakota	0	3	35	65
Ohio	0	23	40	60
Oklahoma	0	8	30	70
Oregon	0	7	43	57
Pennsylvania	0	25	47	53
Rhode Island	0	4	48	52
South Carolina	0	8	36	64
South Dakota	0	3	37	63
Tennessee	0	11	42	58
Texas	0	29	36	64
Utah	0	5	27	73
Vermont	0	3	40	60
Virginia	0	12	39	61
Washington	0	10	43	56
West Virginia	0	6	47	53
Wisconsin	0	11	45	55
Wyoming	0	3	29	71
TOTALS	13	512	29,475,611 (41%)	42,367,525 (59%)

FOR THE SENATE

The latest returns in some of the 33 races for U.S. Senate. The following lists the winners. If the outcome has not been decided, the candidate who is ahead in the count will be designated by (leading). The notation (I) signifies an incumbent. The figure with "pc" shows the candidate's percentage of the total vote.

ALABAMA - Howell Heflin, Dem. (I) 62pc
 ALASKA - Tad Stevens, Rep. (I) 71pc
 ARKANSAS - David Pryor, Dem. (I) 58pc
 COLORADO - William Armstrong, Rep. (I) 64pc
 DELAWARE - Joseph Biden, Dem. (I) 60pc
 GEORGIA - Sam Nunn, Dem. (I) 80pc
 IDAHO - James McClure, Rep. (I) 72pc
 ILLINOIS - Paul Simon, Dem. 50pc
 IOWA - Tom Harkin, Dem. 50pc
 KANSAS - Nancy Kassenbaum, Rep. (I) 77pc
 KENTUCKY - Mitch McConnell, Rep. 50pc
 LOUISIANA - J. Bennett Johnston, Dem. (I) uncontested
 MASSACHUSETTS - John Kerry, Dem. 55pc
 MICHIGAN - Carl Levin, Dem. (I) 52pc
 MINNESOTA - Rudy Boschwitz, Rep. 57pc
 MISSISSIPPI - Thad Cochran, Rep. 61pc
 MONTANA - Max Baucus, Dem. (I) 57pc
 NEBRASKA - J.J. Exon, Dem. (I) 53pc
 NEW HAMPSHIRE - Gordon Humphrey, Rep. 57pc
 NEW JERSEY - Bill Bradley, Dem. (I) 65pc
 NEW MEXICO - Pete Domenici, Rep. 72pc
 NORTH CAROLINA - Jesse Helms, Rep. (I) 51pc
 OKLAHOMA - David Boren, Dem. (I) 70pc
 OREGON - Mark Hatfield, Rep. (I) 67pc
 RHODE ISLAND - Clairborne Pell, Dem. 73pc
 SOUTH CAROLINA - Strom Thurmond, Rep. (I) 66pc
 SOUTH DAKOTA - Larry Pressler, Rep. (I) 74pc
 TENNESSEE - Albert Gore, Dem. 61pc
 TEXAS - Phil Gramm, Rep. 58pc
 VIRGINIA - John Warner, Rep. (I) 70pc
 WEST VIRGINIA - Jay Rockefeller, Dem. 53pc
 WYOMING - Al Simpson, Rep. 78pc

FOR THE GOVERNORS

The latest returns in the 13 races for governorships. This table only lists the winners, but if the results are not final, the leading candidate is designated in brackets. The notation (I) signifies an incumbent. The figure shows the candidate's percentage of the total vote.

ARKANSAS - Bill Clinton, Dem. (I) 63pc
 DELAWARE - Michael Castle, Rep. 55pc
 INDIANA - Robert Orr, Rep. (I)

Dem. 70pc
 NEW HAMPSHIRE - John Sununu, Rep. (I) 67pc
 NORTH CAROLINA - James Martin, Rep. 54pc
 NORTH DAKOTA - George Sinner, Dem. 56pc
 RHODE ISLAND - Edward DiPrete, Rep. 60pc
 UTAH - Norman Bangert, Rep. 56pc
 VERMONT (with all precincts counted) - Madelein Kunin, Dem. 50pc; John Easton, Rep. 49pc
 WASHINGTON - Paul

'LET US FIGHT ON'

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (Reuters). - The following is the partial text of Democratic candidate Walter Mondale's statement conceding defeat in the U.S. presidential election:

"A few minutes ago I called the President of the United States and congratulated him on his victory for re-election as president of the United States. He has won. We are all Americans. He is our president, and we honour him tonight."

"Again tonight, the American people in town halls, in homes, in firehouses, in libraries chose the occupant of the most powerful office on earth. Their choice was made peacefully, with dignity and with majesty."

"And although I would have rather won, tonight we rejoice in our democracy. We rejoice in the freedom of a wonderful people and we accept their verdict."

"I thank the people of America for hearing my case. I have travelled the nation, I believe, more than any living American, and wherever I have gone the American people have heard me out."

"They've listened to me, they've treated me fairly, they've lifted my spirits, and they've added to my strength. And if there is one thing I am certain of, it is that this is a magnificent nation with the finest people on earth."

"We didn't win, but we made history and that fight has just begun. And I want to say a special word to my young supporters this evening. I know how you feel because I've been there myself. Do not despair. This fight didn't end tonight. It be-



Walter Mondale

(Gamma)

the seeds of defeat and in every defeat are to be found the seeds of victory. Let us fight on. Let us fight on.

"My loss tonight does not in any way diminish the worth or the importance of our struggle."

"The America we want to build is just as important tomorrow as it was yesterday. Let us continue to seek an America that is just and fair. Tonight especially I think of the poor, the unemployed, the elderly, the handicapped, the helpless and the sad. And they need us more than ever tonight."

"Let us fight for jobs and fairness. Let us fight for these kids and make sure they have the best education any generation ever had. Let us fight for our environment and protect our air, our water and our land."

"And while we must keep America strong, let us use that strength to keep the peace, to reflect our values and to control these weapons before they destroy us all."

GRINS AND GROANS

By JOHN COTTER / Washington

THERE WERE grins and groans and little drama on American election day - but there was a bit of traditional yankee behaviour.

A man who handed out copies of his wife's cookbook was elected to Congress. So, too, was a westerner who was blasted by his rival as a "wimp."

Republicans wore "we told you so" grins. Defeated Democrats groaned and mostly said: "Whoops!"

But there appeared to be little frenzied partying by Republicans on one of their greatest days. People got the news of President Reagan's huge landslide early and went home just as quickly.

ONE HAMPSHIRE voters sent Republican Robert Smith to Congress. He campaigned door to door, handing out copies of the U.S. Constitution and a cookbook put together by his wife.

IN TEXAS, Republican Phil Gramm was elected to the Senate after a bitter mudslinging campaign. Savouring victory, he said: "I'm happy the voters of Texas have given me a bigger shovel to do more work."

WHILE MOST candidates hosted parties in metropolitan hotel ballrooms, Republican Senator Nancy Kassenbaum celebrated her re-election at a Kansas Indian reservation.

THE "WIMP" who won was incumbent Democrat Senator Max Baucus of Montana. The characterization by opponent Chuck Cozens

networks used red, white and blue maps of the United States to show how states were voting for Reagan and Walter Mondale.

ONE OF THE happiest election spots was on the island of Puerto Rico. Six hours after polls closed, supporters of both candidates for governor were still dancing in the streets, celebrating what they saw as clear signs of victory for each of their candidates.

But the race between Rafael Hernandez Colon and Governor Carlos Romero was extremely close and officials said the result was unlikely to be known for a number of hours.

The celebrations were set off by party officials on both sides proclaiming victory based on unofficial returns.

IN A BID to woo viewers away from the network's extravaganzas, independent stations around the country pulled out all the stops.

One cable sporting channel offered a day of reruns of eight past Super Bowl games, the national football championship played each January to record audiences.

IN DARIEN, Connecticut, an affluent and overwhelming pro-Reagan suburb of New York City, two lonely Democrats turned up to vote about an hour after the polls opened.

A registrar said they were the seventh and eighth Democrats to turn up. Some 1,200 early-rising Republicans already had been there.

The two exchanged "horror" stories

chance to join a winner. At Chuckles, a woman's boutique in midtown New York City, sticky printed window signs proclaimed: "Election Day Sale - Landslide Savings."

CLEAR SKIES ruled across most of the nation and that turned some polling places into miniature street fairs.

Campaigning is illegal within 23 metres of polling stations, but outside that ring, hawkers were out in force, begging for last-minute votes and selling everything from pastries to peanuts.

ELECTION DAY just isn't election day in Boston without charges that one party or another is trying to steal the election. The city of smoke-filled political clubhouses did not disappoint this year.

Minutes after the polls opened, state Republican official Eugene Harrigan complained that Democratic workers were "assisting" elderly voters into the booths and tricking them into pulling the Mondale lever.

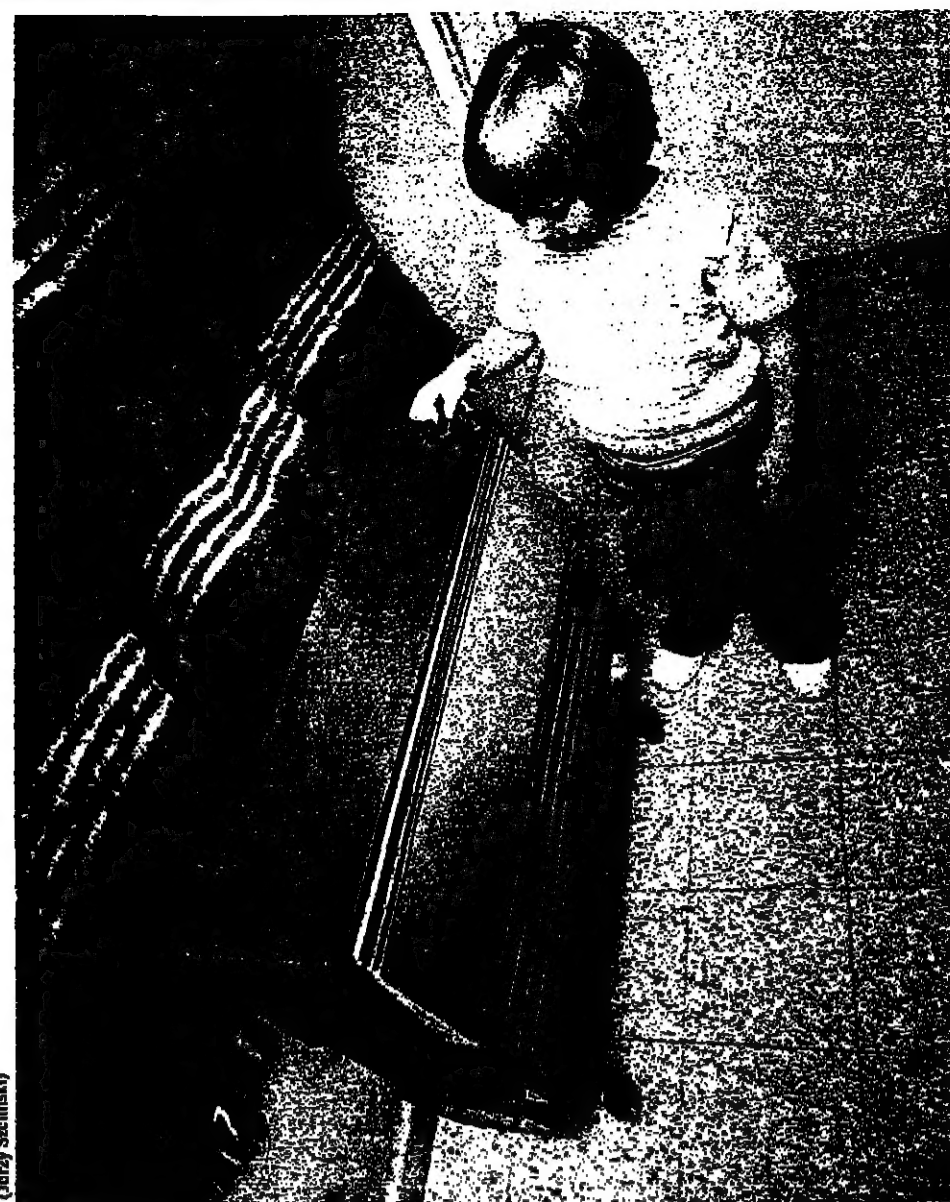
State officials said they found no evidence of wrongdoing.

IT WAS a banner year for makers of campaign buttons and bumper stickers - and banners. An official of the Specialty Advertising Association estimated \$10 million was spent on such items during the 1984 campaign, double that of 1980.

Balloons also were big moneymakers. The Republicans had a \$150,000 balloon bill at the Dallas convention last August which

How to fight off winter

Before the first real onslaught of cold weather people should check their roofs, walls, windows and heating systems, experts tell Aviva Bar-Am.



Although this is a sophisticated and relatively safe gas heater, it is not a toy.

THE APPROACH of winter is so gradual, that homeowners still have time to prepare their houses for the onslaught of rain and cold weather. The following suggestions may prevent leaking ceilings and heating problems — and can even save you money.

Your roof
The first step in preparing for winter is to climb up onto your roof and check the drainpipes. If they are clogged with sand, leaves, or dirt, rain will remain in pools on the roof, with nowhere to go but down through your ceiling. So, clean out the pipes and gutters!

Check that there is nothing on your roof such as pails, building materials and tools, because they can cause holes in the tar. You should also make sure that your solar heater has not sunk into the roof. If so, it should immediately be placed on bricks or tiles.

You yourself can examine the roof for cracks, according to Moti Ginter, of a Jerusalem caulking and insulation firm. If there are cracks in the tar (also known as bitumen) or a space between the walls of the roof and its last layer of tar, or if there was a problem of leaking during the previous year, you will need to re-tar your roof.

However, if proper work has been done on your roof in the past, notes Ginter, it shouldn't be necessary to coat your roof with bitumen more than once every five years. He cautions that whoever does tar your roof should use proper materials

which have the Israel Standards Institute's certification. (The tar barrel should be stamped "Zefet 75/25.")

When you do decide to tar the roof, states Roni Tamir, head of the Jerusalem branch of the Israel Consumer Council, be sure and hire a large, well-known company who tenders a guarantee for several years. Before beginning the job, ask the company for names of buildings which it tarred a few years before. You can then check for yourself to see if the tenants are pleased with the results.

Tamir further suggests that you make sure your agreement with the company specifically states all of your demands, including cleaning the roof after finishing the application of bitumen, sealing the cracks and painting a white top coat. It should be stated that care must be taken not to dirty the walls of your building with tar, and that cans and remaining bitumen will be removed from the roof at the end of the job.

Never, she says, pay all of your money in advance. Make your last payment only after you are totally satisfied with the work. Be sure to get a warranty which states exactly what it guarantees and for how long.

Keeping air out and heat in
All of your doors and windows should be checked for leaking air, since it costs a lot of extra money to heat a house from which warmth can easily escape. If necessary, you can purchase "sealing ribbons" to place around door and window frames, suggests David Vardi, head of the

maintenance department at Hadasah Hospital. The ribbons are very effective; you can apply them by yourself, and you can buy them at any hardware store.

Another excellent — if more expensive — solution is to purchase double windows or double doors, a very popular and effective system in Europe. Tamir says that you can save as much as 10 per cent in fuel prices if you've sealed the rooms in this way. She also suggests placing as many rugs as possible on your floors during the winter as this will help insulate the room from the cold.

Heaters
The safest heaters, of course, are those which don't have open heating elements, such as air-conditioners and radiators. Electric heaters should be kept far away from children in order to keep them from touching coils and plugs. If possible, hang children's heaters high up on the wall. Any electric heater you buy should have the approval of Israel Standards Institute and should carry a warranty, according to the consumer council.

Gas and kerosene heaters should also be kept away from children, dogs' tails, and flammable items such as rugs, curtains, and furniture. Because these heaters remove oxygen from the air, it is unwise and unsafe to operate them in a closed room; either a door or window must be open. For the same reason, don't leave them on at night. When you do turn them off, do it outside of the house.

Constant dry heat irritates the membranes of the throat and nose, according to a local family physician. If you have a radiator, he suggests placing a pan of water on top so that the water evaporates into the air when the heat is on.

The traditional way of humidifying the air has been to place wet towels on hot radiators which give off a bit of moisture as they dry. Another possibility is the purchase of special humidifiers which are attached to radiators all over the house.

Incidentally, electric sheets can keep you very warm when you're in bed and you don't have to worry about safety if you have bought them from a reputable company, the item is approved by the Standards Institute, and you use them according to manufacturers' instructions.

Central heating
Maintenance expert Vardi suggests bringing in a specialist to check your central heating system every winter, even if you've been using the system all summer to heat water. Good maintenance of this system — which includes cleaning and examining the boiler — lowers the cost of diesel heating oil (solar) and prevents a lot of headaches later.

When buying oil, always specify that you want "winter diesel," states architect Avraham Tamir. Summer diesel has an element in it which can cause clogging and eventual freezing.

Mildew

When you find fungus on your walls it means that there is too much moisture in the room, or that the thermal insulation of the outer walls is faulty. Ginter suggests airing out the room by opening all of the windows whenever possible.

Secondly, he says, if you have black mildew stains on the walls you can purchase fungus-killing material to spray on. Afterwards, you coat the spot with acrilol. These items are available at hardware stores and can be applied with no outside help. Architect Tamir adds that, if done properly, painting the outside walls with silicone can be quite effective in preventing the penetration of water through to the inside.

Finally, some general suggestions for consumer effectiveness: "In any kind of business transaction," says Roni Tamir, "make sure you buy your items or services from a company large and well-known enough so that it won't go out of business before the job is finished and while its warranty is still valid."

"Cover yourself with written agreements which state exactly what kind of transaction is taking place and when. Be sure to get a receipt from the company you deal with."

"If you do have a complaint, you will then have a legal basis for collecting compensation, linkage and interest."

(People with complaints should contact the Israel Consumer Council in Jerusalem, at telephone no. 223205, 14 Coresh, Entrance B.)

Hints from Golden Hands

GOLDEN HANDS, the 24-hour repair service, offers the following hints for winterizing your home:

Gutters: Check that they are intact, that they are clear of branches, leaves and silt and that water flows freely from the gutter into the drain in the garden or road. Where gutters drain into the house's sewage line, make sure that line is unblocked.

Roofs: Check that the tiles are intact. On a tarred roof, see that there are no swollen areas or cracks. Make sure that gutter openings are unblocked and that no heavy objects, such as TV antennas, have fallen over.

Windows, doors and shutters: Ascertain that they shut tightly. To prevent heat from escaping apply sealing strips to the window and door frames.

Exterior walls: Check for exterior cracks and seal them to prevent water penetration.

Electrical outlets and fuse boxes: Make sure that water cannot get into fuse boxes or external uncovered electrical outlets.

Electric power lines: Check to see that tree branches are not tangled in exterior lines.

Dampness: If you remember that damp spots formed in previous years as a result of rain, locate the source and repair it in time. The roof may need tarring. Exterior walls may need sealing with appropriate materials.

Window panes: Make sure they are whole.

Caution: If you heat your house with gas or liquid fuel make sure you follow the heater manufacturer's instructions on ventilating the area.

If your bomb shelter is flooded, contact your local fire department.

If electric power lines are torn down contact the Electric Corporation. E.H.

Shabbat Heating Tips

TO KEEP the home warm on Shabbat while still observing Halacha takes a little ingenuity.

Unless you are lucky enough to have central heating on a Shabbat clock or thermostat, the best bet is an electric heater on a Shabbat clock. Make sure your clock will take the wattage of the heater.

The Energy Ministry strongly advises against leaving any open fire system on for the whole 25-hour period. The ministry also warns against leaving food on top of a stationary kerosene unit in such a way that prevents the heat from rising, thus overheating the stove. Those chimney-style heaters can be equipped with a safety device that will shut off the fuel flow if wind extinguished the flame.

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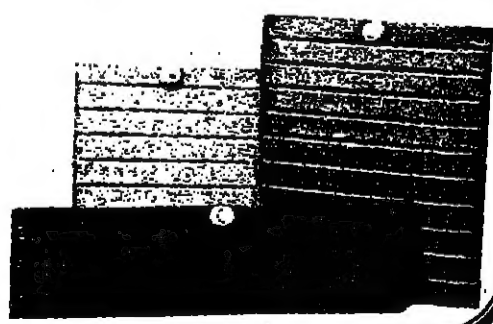
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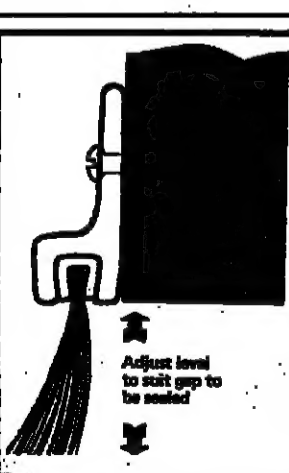


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AREA	INSULATION	SEALING	Portable electric	Portable kerosene	Portable gas	Chimney w/heating oil	Heat pump	Central w/hot water attached
Coast & coastal plain	no insulation	unsealed	129,288.-	106,872.-	132,600.-	125,725.-	67,084	164,265
		sealed	81,222.-	—	—	74,260.-	39,652.-	97,055.-
	insulation	unsealed	11,424.-	87,352.-	108,420.-	102,695.-	54,900.-	134,185.-
		sealed	56,212.-	—	—	51,465.-	27,433.-	93,275
Negev	no insulation	unsealed	170,993.-	130,296.-	151,710.-	159,800.-	83,443.-	208,915.-
		sealed	101,047.-	—	—	94,470.-	49,312.-	123,375.-
	insulation	unsealed	139,857.-	106,628.-	124,020.-	130,895.-	68,296.-	171,080.-
		sealed	69,945.-	—	—	65,330.-	34,131.-	85,305.-
Jerusalem & Galilee	no insulation	unsealed	384,566.-	296,460.-	341,250.-	354,145.-	180,014.-	462,950.-
		sealed	227,239.-	—	—	209,150.-	106,366.-	273,305.-
	insulation	unsealed	314,654.-	242,536.-	279,240.-	289,755.-	147,296.-	380,465.-
		sealed	157,046.-	—	—	144,760.-	73,648.-	189,175.-
Eilat, Arava &	no insulation	unsealed	48,268.-	35,624.-	37,830.-	45,590.-	22,922.-	—
		sealed	28,510.-	—	—	27,025	13,531.-	—
Jordan Valley	no insulation	unsealed	39,483.-	29,036.-	30,810.-	37,365.-	18,749.-	—
		sealed	19,758.-	—	—	—	18,800.-	9,357.-

Prices listed are in shekels per season, as of November 1.

Unit prices, including VAT:
Kilowatts/hour IS 33.66
Litres kerosene 244
Litres solar (heating oil) 235
Kilogram gas 390

THE RAINS have begun. Time for hot cocoa, sweaters, down comforters and heating bills. However you heat, the costs keep climbing, but with a little planning you may find some ways of saving.

Israel enjoys a variety of climates, so not everyone will spend the same on heating. The Jerusalem and Galilee hills are the coldest regions, with an average of 180 heating days in Safad and 150 in the capital. The warmest regions are Sodom with 35 heating days and Eilat with 60. Tel Aviv residents heat about 110 days a season and the rest of the coastal plain about 120.

Don't confuse "heating days" with heating "degree days," another term weather and energy people use. "Heating days" is the average number of days per season when the heat is turned on. The term heating "degree days" assumes an optimal temperature of 18.3°. When this is naturally the case you need not heat at all, so you have zero degree days. If the average daily temperature is 17.3° you will need one degree of heat to raise it to the optimal, hence, one degree day. If the average daily temperature on a given day is 8.3°, count 10 degree days. Degree days is useful because it gives you an idea of the intensity of your consumption in a given period.

Joseph Nowarski, director of the Energy Ministry's conservation department, suggests a home heating temperature of 18° when inhabitants are engaged in active work or play. For extra warmth for those sitting reading or watching TV, 21° is recommended. This is also the suggested temperature for infants and the elderly. For sleeping, 15-16° will suffice.

If your heating units don't have thermostats (the ministry suggests that they should) keep a thermometer in every room to keep track of the temperature and regulate your heating unit accordingly.

There is such a variety of styles and quality in Israeli building that it is hard to define what is involved in

Cooling down your heating bill

Myra Noveck hears about the pluses and minuses of various heating units from Joseph Nowarski of the Ministry of Energy.

heating an Israeli flat. The basic fact is that hot air rises and seeps out through any available opening. Ceiling height and building exposure must be taken into account. The coldest sides are the north and east for most Israelis and the wettest is the west, with "horizontal" rain hitting your western rooms. The warmest and sunniest side is the south. Due to its extra exposure, a top floor apartment requires 40 per cent more energy to keep it warm.

Heat is energy and different types of energy are measured in different dimensions. Electric energy is measured in kilowatts, while gas, kerosene and heating oil units measure power in kilocalories. One kilowatt is equal to 860 kilocalories. Nowarski estimates that a unit using one kilowatt of energy will heat a room of 8-10 square metres and 1000 kilocalories will heat about 10 sq. m.

Thus bigger is not always better. Whatever the type of heating unit, it should suit the room size. Even in a large room the Energy Ministry suggests using two small portable heaters as opposed to one large one.

Finding the most economical form of heating will depend on your budget and the climate in your region. The chart above defines energy use according to climate, level of insulation and type of heating unit. All figures are for a middle-storey 100 sq. m. apartment heated six to 10 hours per day. Prices have been calculated for fuel and electricity prices as of November 1.

Since most Tel Avivians do not have central heat or stationary chim-

ney units, the facts most relevant to them pertain to portable units. If we look across the column at the uninsulated flat with no window sealing, we find kerosene the best buy. But operation of any portable open fire heater, kerosene included, requires constant ventilation and therefore rules out window and door sealing. One column down we see that a flat with sealed windows heated with electric units will actually cost less because of the extra saving gained from proper sealing.

Tel Aviv residents who own an air conditioner with a heat pump get the best deal of all. Nowarski says that a heat pump only adds an extra 10 per cent to the price of the air conditioner.

Make sure you are buying a heat pump and not just a regular heating element. A heat pump works by using energy absorbed from the cold air by the freon gas in the air conditioner. However, it does not function below 8.6°, so for the coldest days you will have to supplement your heating supply. Therefore, this system is not recommended for colder climates, though experiments are underway to expand the uses of heat pumps.

For colder areas, the most cost-efficient heating systems are electric, central heating and stationary oil or kerosene heaters with a chimney, because all these can be operated with windows closed and sealed.

How successfully you can keep heat from escaping can drastically affect your heating costs. A flat with properly insulated walls and sealed openings (provided a portable open fire heating method is not used) can cut heating costs by 50 per cent.

Because hot air rises, the first place to look for heat loss is the roof. Even a flat roof must have a slight grade to allow the rain water to run off into the gutters. The Energy Ministry suggests a one centimetre drop for each metre of water. Make sure gutters are clear of debris before the rains start.

The roof should be tarred every few years with materials suitable to the climate in your area, and should be white washed to keep the tar from over-heating in summer. Avoid walking on the roof on sunny days when the tar is likely to be soft.

Insulation refers to the pocket of air or insulating material found between the inner and outer walls of many modern buildings. The ideally constructed wall starts from the outside with a stone face in front of a layer of thermal insulation. Next comes an inner cement block and then the interior cement wall. Older buildings lack insulation or are insulated with inferior materials.

The thick stone of Ottoman-style buildings provides natural insulation. If you have no insulation or want to add more, there are ways of adding it, but you'll have to put it on the inside walls and give up five to 10 centimetres of the size of your room for each wall insulated.

In building made from sheets of prefabricated walls, moisture results

from poor joining of the sheets. These wall seams should be resealed every few years.

If you are using a heating method that allows you to seal windows and doors, the cheapest and easiest method uses strips of foam rubber with an adhesive glue, available at hardware shops, which are attached to the hinged door or window frame.

Make sure the area is clean, smooth and preferably freshly painted. If your window opens inward, attach the tape to the outside lip of the window or door so that when closed it will make a tight seal against the window frame or door jamb. For sliding windows strips are available with small brushes (to protect against wind) or thin rubber tubing to protect against water.

A brush is also available for the bottom of a hinge door. The old fashioned sliding door, say the energy people, is a disaster for heat conservation. Though brushes can help, the spaces are still too big. Another problem is the shutter box which is in effect a hole in your wall covered only by thin wood. Styrofoam can help here.

Curtains and rugs can also help, but if your downstairs neighbour is heating his flat you may want to see if your floor is picking up the warmth.

Except for the ever popular solar water heater, most solar energy methods have not been perfected for practical home heating use. But you can take advantage of the solar energy naturally flowing into your house.

If you have a window with good access to the sun's rays you can construct an eave or awning designed to block out the sun's summer rays, which are higher in the sky, but letting in winter sunshine, which is lower on the horizon.

The wall opposite the window which receives these warming rays should be painted a dark colour which will absorb the heat. Long after the sun goes down the dark walls will radiate this heat, just as asphalt does on summer nights.

Whatever your heating unit, make sure it is in proper working order before the start of the season. Central heating chimney units should be cleaned by professionals who will also test that your heater is consuming fuel in the most efficient manner. All heaters should be cleaned and tested before you need them.

If you are buying a heater, here are a few tips:

In electrical equipment Nowarski recommends the portable electric blowers (mefazer hom). They provide better heat distribution than the well-known, glowing spiral "foot warmer," and many are equipped with a thermostat that will turn the system off when the desired level of heating is reached and on again when the room cools down.

Nowarski doesn't recommend the radiator look-alike oil-filled heaters, because they take a long time to heat up the room and because they have no mechanism for distributing the hot air. The initial cost is much higher than for a blower.

But oil-filled models have two

advantages. They are silent and they pack a lot of power for a big room. A 17-bar model has a capacity of 2.5 kilowatts as opposed to the 2 kilowatt blower. But it is four times the price.

Most blowers have a cooling unit, but local sales people admit that it isn't very worthwhile. The more settings the better, and models available have anywhere from two to five settings.

The ministry suggest that an electrical unit with a capacity of over one kilowatt may require an upgrading of the flat's electrical system to avoid an overload, since it is unlikely that the heater will be the only appliance in use at a given time.

A two kilowatt unit will also re-

quire a special plug and should not be used with an ordinary plug.

Portable kerosene heaters are an economical way of heating but there are some disadvantages. They must be lit and extinguished outside the flat and require constant ventilation during operation. They cannot be left unattended or overnight in the bedrooms. Be careful, of course, to remove flammable items from the area around the heater.

On the other hand, the initial and running costs are low and since it's portable it can be moved directly to the area that needs the heat.

The important things to look for in kerosene heaters are the tank capacity, the fuel use per hour and kilocalories per hour. Even if the areas

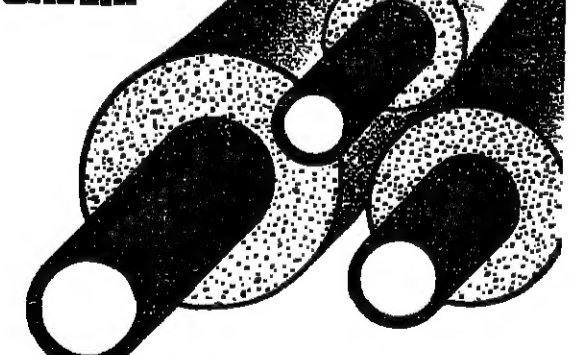
to be heated are small and high kilocalories do not interest you, compare the kilocalories and hourly fuel use. Remember these figures are maximums.

Gas stoves have many of the same disadvantages as kerosene heaters except that they are lit and extinguished inside. They are also less portable since they must be attached to a gas point.

Gas heaters used without proper precautions can be dangerous — so the more safety features the better. An important feature is an automatic switch-off in case the flame goes out by accident or the unit is kicked over. Some heaters are equipped with a sensor that measures the amount of oxygen in the air and watches for leaking gas. It turns the heater off automatically when there's a problem.

The ministry has open hours for advice to the public. In Jerusalem they will answer questions by phone and in person on Sundays 3-7 p.m. at 15 Mordechai Ben Hillel Street, tel. 245202. Tel Aviv: Tuesdays and Thursdays 3-7 p.m. at 40 Rehov Hauniversita, Ramat Aviv, tel. 425221.

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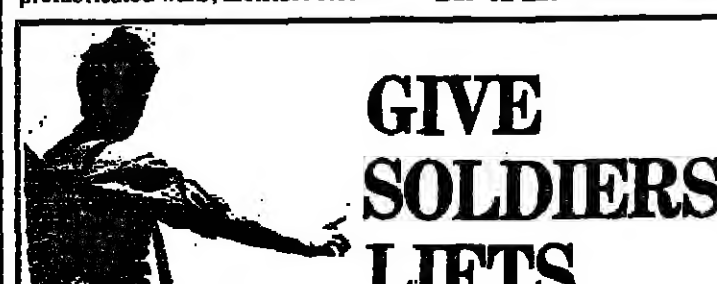
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Star-spangled victory

ONLY A MIRACLE, it was said, could prevent Ronald Reagan's re-election as U.S. president. Some dreadful last-minute faux pas by the Republican candidate, maybe. But the miracle did not happen. Walter Mondale's assurance to his Democratic supporters that "Polls don't vote; people do," turned out to be pointless. 1984 was not to be 1948 all over again. This time the pollsters divined the people's preference with satisfying accuracy.

It was no great feat, perhaps. With a lead as huge as the president's it mattered little whether the precise measure of his advantage would be 18 points, as it was in the end, or a little more or less. What did matter was that Mr. Reagan went on to win a landslide victory, losing only in Mr. Mondale's home state of Minnesota and in the District of Columbia. A more impressive popular mandate to govern the country for the next four years he could hardly have asked for.

Especially notable was the fact that most social and ethnic groups in the population joined in granting him this mandate. The Jewish community, by tradition staunchly Democratic, and rather put off by some of the president's "Christianizing" friends, nevertheless gave Mr. Reagan, a self-proclaimed unwavering friend of Israel, about a third of its vote.

Mr. Reagan's victory, it is true, was rather less than total. His coat-tails proved not wide enough to help his party in the balloting for the Congress. The Republicans lost two seats, although not their majority, in the Senate, and they won a few seats but not the majority in the House of Representatives. The Democrats, far from being through, remain a force in American party politics.

Yet the fact is that it was the Republican message, in its more conservative version, which engaged the allegiance of most Americans.

What the U.S. has lately been experiencing is one of its periodic pendulum-like shifts in the popular mind, this time rightward to such traditional values as love of country, self-reliance, and strict-laced morality, which were widely scorned only a decade and a half ago. The pendulum may swing again in the future, but for the moment the simple old virtues are all the rage, and it is Mr. Reagan who speaks for them.

It is he who articulates the spirit of "America, the beautiful," the land of limitless individual possibilities, now and forever at the dawn of a tremendous new beginning. That, essentially, is why he won so hugely on Tuesday, and why the former vice-president, carrying the torch for social progressivism, went down to defeat.

How patriotism would translate into a concrete programme of action was left unelucidated by Mr. Reagan during the election campaign. Pressed on one occasion to spell the programme out, the president contented himself with saying that he was running on the record of his first term.

Plainly he was not referring to such aspects of his record as a skyrocketing budget deficit, or the fiasco in Lebanon. What he no doubt had in mind was the claim that, under his administration, the U.S. was restored to prosperity, kept at peace, and allowed to "stand tall" in the world, particularly vis-a-vis the Russians. That, indeed, is what voters liked about his record. Even Americans who did not necessarily share Mr. Reagan's abhorrence of abortion and his fondness for school prayers could applaud him for lowering taxes and working for a strong defence.

In these strategies he may be expected to persist, and his being a "lame duck" president need not critically affect the effectiveness of his leadership.

Specific issues, however, will still call for specific solutions. Mr. Reagan's thesis that America's military buildup would induce the Russians to negotiate arms controls has not yet been borne out. If he is keen on lessening the danger of nuclear war, Mr. Reagan will have to propose some new diplomatic initiative to that effect, and yesterday in the Russian reaction to his victory, there were some signs that this would be welcomed.

His Middle East initiative has been inoperative for the past two years, and Mr. Reagan evidently felt that there was no use his leaning on Israel to accept it so long as Jordan remained opposed. If King Hussein changes his mind, however, the president may decide that his opportunity has come to chalk up an achievement as a peacemaker.

At the very least, it would be foolhardy to assume that he would under no conditions do so.

Dancing to Syria's tune

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

THE MILITARY talks between Israel and Lebanon due to get underway today at the Nakoura headquarters of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (Unifil) are starkly different from the earlier talks at Khalde some 18 months ago.

Then, Israel was deeply involved in Lebanon, with the IDF still deployed on the outskirts of Beirut, and the Begin government in Jerusalem still held extravagant hopes of the talks with the Lebanese leading to something approximating peace between the two countries.

Today, Israel has considerably reduced its physical presence in Lebanon, and the new Peres government has set its sights no higher than arriving at agreement on adequate security measures for Southern Lebanon that will enable it to bring the IDF home.

That is not the only major difference. Conspicuously absent at Nakoura are the Americans, who served as the kingpin at the earlier talks and whose questionable assumptions about the role of Syria in Lebanon contributed greatly to the abortive outcome of those talks by encouraging both Israel and Lebanon to put their signatures to a document it was clear from the start would never be acceptable to Damascus and hence, unimplementable.

Their place is being taken by the UN, whose political stake in the outcome of the talks goes no further than contributing whatever it can to arrive at workable security arrangements in Southern Lebanon after Israel leaves.

ALL THIS augurs well for the talks, provided those present recognize what their predecessors at Khalde failed to do. Syria, today as it was 18 months ago, is going to be the final arbiter of what is and what is not possible.

There is little chance that the Lebanese will be as oblivious to this at Nakoura as they were at Khalde: President Amin Jemayel, now bereft of his American prop, is today a Syrian protégé; and in the unlikely event that he should forget this and attempt to strike a position at variance with that of his masters in Damascus, Syria's Lebanese watchdogs in the shape of Prime Minister Rashid Karamah, Druse leader Walid Jumblatt, and Shi'a leader Nabih Berri — all will be there to remind him.

As for Israel, Defence Minister

Yitzhak Rabin has publicly stated his recognition of Syria's key role in Lebanon — something his predecessors, particularly Ariel Sharon, stubbornly refused — and Israel is thus likely to be much more aware of the need to arrive at an agreement acceptable to Damascus.

Israel's failure to make an issue of Lebanon's insistence, at the prompting of Syria, that the Nakoura talks are taking place under the auspices of the Israel-Lebanon Mixed Armistice Commission — which Jerusalem considers to be defunct — is an indication of the new government's pragmatism taking precedence over a principle which might well have sunk the talks before they ever started.

But some of Rabin's public statements spell trouble ahead — should it emerge these represent Israel's final rather than its opening position in the talks.

THE FIRST and potentially most troublesome of these is the role Rabin envisages for General Antoine Lahad's Israel-trained and armed South Lebanon Army (SLA). Speaking on Israel TV a couple of weeks ago, Rabin indicated that Israel would be seeking to place the SLA in more or less exclusive control of a zone that would effectively protect the Galilee settlements from artillery or rocket attack.

Syria has made it clear in no uncertain terms that any role for the SLA is quite out of the question. So, too, have the Lebanese, citing somewhat lamely the inalienable right of their own very credible army to exercise control over the whole of their sovereign territory, but more pertinently reflecting the position taken by Damascus.

Some form of compromise is, of course, possible, one that would restrict the SLA exclusively to that narrow strip immediately adjacent to the international border policed prior to the June 1982 invasion of Lebanon by the late Major Sa'ad Haddad's Israeli-backed Christian militia.

It is just conceivable — but by no means certain — that Damascus could be persuaded to accept this on the grounds that it constitutes a return to the *status quo ante*, and thus would not represent the kind of Israeli political gain from its Lebanese adventure to which the Syrians are wholly opposed.

Should Syria refuse to go along even with such a compromise, Israel will find itself in the difficult position

of having to drop its insistence on a role for the SLA — or resign itself to a collapse of the talks, with all that entails for an early withdrawal from Lebanon.

There are alternatives to the SLA, including the possible deployment of a greatly beefed up Unifil in the entire area up to the international border and, according to reports from Beirut this week, a possible joint French-British force for the area immediately adjacent to the border.

These may not be as attractive to the Israeli negotiators as their own proposal for the SLA; but they should not be dismissed out of hand as potentially effective measures against the massive re-establishment of the PLO in Southern Lebanon, which, rather than isolated terrorist attacks should be Israel's major concern.

ANOTHER POSITION taken by Rabin that could raise some difficulties at Nakoura is the role he envisages for Unifil, as a kind of political shield or buffer deployed in the area north of the SLA under which the Israel-backed force would be able to operate.

This, too, is unacceptable to the Syrians, who have stated their refusal to countenance a deployment of Unifil in eastern Lebanon adjacent to their border. This Syrian position, which is almost certain to be put by the Lebanese delegates at Nakoura, would appear to stem from their reluctance to accept what would amount to a separation of forces arrangement in the strategically sensitive Bekaa, where Damascus would not like to see its options curtailed by the presence of the UN.

It is not clear how deeply committed Syria is to this position, however, and it would appear there is more room for Syrian compromise here than in the case of the SLA.

TWO OTHER points were made by Rabin, which although they will not come up for discussion at Nakoura, do form part of the package Israel is seeking that would include whatever security arrangements are reached with the Lebanese. These were the need for Syrian assurances that they will not redeploy their forces southward in Lebanon after Israel leaves (hence Israel's insistence on deployment of Unifil in the east), and that they will place the same kind of constraints on PLO activity originating in areas under their control that

fabric of a democratic Jewish State. Unfortunately, images can create a reality of their own.

IT SEEMS that Orthodoxy has forfeited any role as a religious spokesman on society's moral questions. But what is of greater concern than the paralysis of the Orthodox world is the silence of the Reform religious community, for throughout its history the Reform Movement's image has been one of social action based on the prophetic vision of social justice. While official recognition has not been accorded the Reform Movement in Israel, this does not mean that Reform Jews should confine their struggle to reacting to the issue of recognition as the sole basis of effecting change in the nature of Israeli society. In the quest for equal rights for Reform Jews, the Reform Movement cannot neglect the more pressing battle to protect the rights of more significant minorities.

It is safe to assert that the political constellation in this country is such that the Reform Movement will not gain its rights in the foreseeable future. It is also safe to assume that should rights be granted tomorrow, not one new member would join the Reform ranks; Reform aliyah would not increase; its popularity would not soar; and, most important, Reform's effect upon Israeli society would remain peripheral at best. One must not deny the primacy of religious pluralism, but if images are important, then the Reform Move-

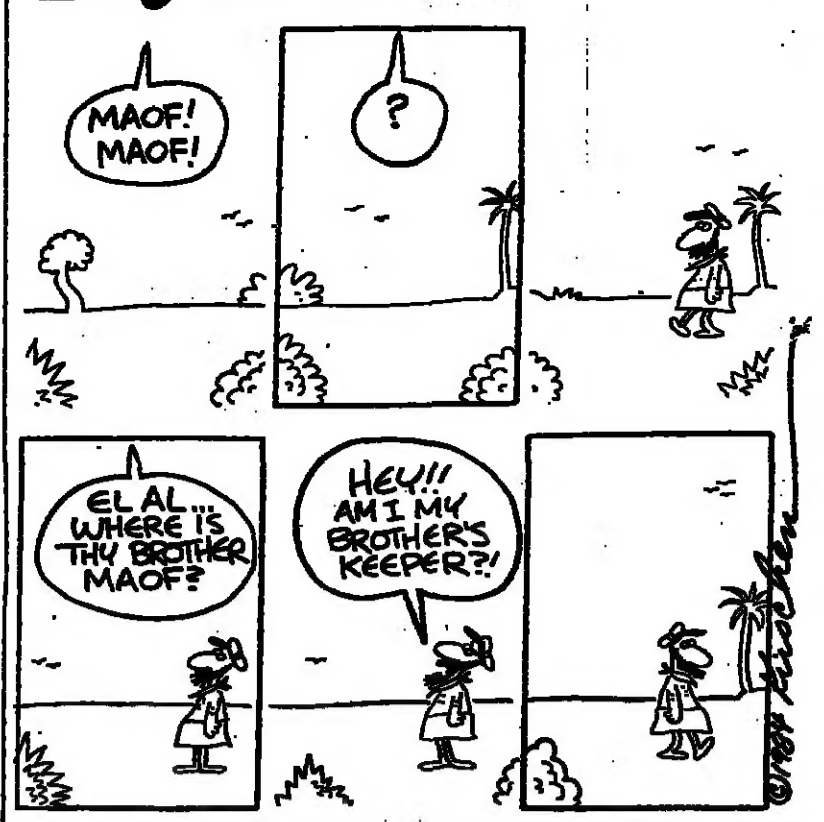
Religious images and social protest

By DAVID FORMAN

must deal with images, and the image that has been fashioned is that when the Orthodox community does speak out, it more often than not comes to the defence of the more extremist elements in our society.

Orthodox protest movements like Oz V'Shalom and Netivot Shalom have not succeeded in creating in the public mind the impression of a representative force within Orthodox circles. Indeed, the Orthodox establishment, which supposedly represents religious authority, has painted in the Israeli psyche the portrait of thieves in the night whose only concerns are the political dividends derived from coalition shenanigans. In this country there seems to be a religious void in areas of moral response to the pressing social issues threatening the very

Dry Bones



they have successfully applied in the Golan Heights over the past decade.

These legitimate Israeli concerns are hardly likely to be effectively dealt with by asking Syria for public commitments. It cannot possibly make without damaging its credibility as leader of the Arab struggle against Israel.

In the normal course of events, Syria's credibility as its most deeply committed enemy in the eyes of the Arabs should be of little concern to Israel.

But if Israel is genuinely seeking a Syrian-approved settlement in Lebanon — and that, it would seem, is the only kind possible — it is going to have to display some understanding for why Damascus is going to vociferously dissociate itself from any such commitments, and rely on its own assessment of whether or not Syria will view it as being in its own interests to observe the red lines Jerusalem is attempting to draw in Southern Lebanon.

And experience has shown that Syria does possess a realistic appreciation of Israel's legitimate security interests in Lebanon, and while it will not under any circumstances be prepared to formally underwrite these, it might reasonably be expected to respect them in the framework of the kind of red line arrangements that evolved in Lebanon prior to the June 1982 invasion.

ULTIMATELY, Syria and Israel — unlike at Khalde 18 months ago — are competing for two quite different prizes at Nakoura. Syria will be seeking, through its Lebanese protégés, its political *coup de grace* in Lebanon: the final and unconditional withdrawal of all Israeli forces.

For Israel, the question of diplomatic victory or defeat should be, if not totally irrelevant, then certainly secondary to its overriding objective of extricating itself from Lebanon as soon as possible without jeopardizing any more than necessary the security of the Galilee settlements.

In the final analysis, the security of these settlements will depend, not on any agreement reached at Nakoura, but on the effectiveness of the IDF — relieved of its demoralizing and debilitating duties as an army of occupation — as a finely honed instrument with the proven ability to deal, from this side of the border, with any enemy it is likely to encounter.

A certain diplomatic loss of face to Syria, however galling, is the price Israel is going to have to pay if the Nakoura talks are to succeed — and that is little enough if it brings an early end to the Lebanese nightmare.

The writer is the Middle East affairs reporter of The Jerusalem Post.

ment, with its emphasis on moral *mitzvot*, must be careful not to create one that reflects compromise in speaking out on social issues in the hope of making modest gains in the area of recognition.

In Washington, D.C. the Reform Movement maintains a Religious Action Centre, whose purpose is to serve as a watchdog on the many social and political issues facing America. It sends its members before congressional committees to testify on virtually all issues affecting the character of American life. The centre represents not only the Reform Movement but all branches of Judaism.

IN ISRAEL there is no shortage of social crises. Reform Judaism must take the lead in forging a religious coalition that presents an uncompromising stand on events confronting the country. Again we turn to images. On the one hand, we have the image of an Orthodox Jew appearing before Knesset committees — the recurrent theme being how much money can be siphoned from the public coffers for his constituency's exaggerated needs. On the other hand, we have the image of the Reform or Conservative Jew trekking to the Knesset only when the question of "who is a Jew" comes to the fore. Together the three branches of Judaism must create a new image so their leadership will be routinely sought in matters before

the education committee on the quality of education, or before the immigration committee on the tragic plight of Ethiopian Jewry. The religious communities in this country should become experts on Soviet Jewry, minorities in Israel, the aged, welfare, war and peace, dealings with South Africa, etc.

Foremost, religious Jews must alter the impression that they have little to say in the fight against the rising tide of racist tendencies, as expressed by the despicable implications of glib choices between a Jewish State or democracy for Arabs. The fight cannot be restricted to verbal perorations, but must be taken to the streets. The majority of *kipot* must fill the anti-Kahane demonstrations. Religious Jews should swarm like bees around tables of hatred, stinging any Jew there who claims for himself the image of a religious Jew.

As a Reform rabbi, I call on my Orthodox and Conservative colleagues to follow what I hope will be the Reform lead, to build a new image of the religious Jew in this country — one who can affect Israeli society not by supporting partisan political concerns, but by invoking the spirit of a tradition that calls for a just society where "kindness and truth have met, righteousness and peace have kissed" (Ps. 85:11).

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TV REVIEW

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: As a committed reader of Philip Gillon's Televue, I look forward every Friday to reading his column. His review of October 26 was no exception. Gillon gives his readers a concise review of the week's television, together with a political analysis which rarely appears in the papers. It is refreshing to read a leftist analysis in view of the direction this country is taking. Philip Gillon manages to combine politics and television expertise, while also giving his column a humorous tone.

DAVID H. THALER
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COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: I would like to bring to your readers' attention that the second International Conference of Educators to Combat Racism, Anti-Semitism and Apartheid will be held in Amsterdam from November 13 to 16. The initiators of the conference are members of an international committee and the undersigned is one of its members.

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